

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE HONORABLE MARK TAKAI

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise today to honor our colleague and friend, the Honorable Kyle Mark Takai of Hawaii, who passed away on July 20, 2016 at the age of 49 after a hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was a true patriot, public servant, and friend who truly had the "aloha spirit." From a young age, Mark's parents instilled in him a love of service and giving back to his community. This strong commitment to improving the lives of the people of Hawaii and all Americans was integrally woven into the fabric of his distinguished military and public service career.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, Mark was elected to the Hawaii State House of Representatives in 1994 at the age of 27 to represent his home district of Pearl City, Hawaii. He served for two decades before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014. Throughout his tenure in the Hawaii State legislature, he was a strong champion for the military and our veterans, a cause he continued to champion in the U.S. Congress as a member of the House Armed Services Committee. As a proud member of the Hawaii Army National Guard who was deployed to the Middle East in 2009 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Mark understood firsthand the sacrifice that our military men and women make every day to protect our freedoms and never stopped fighting for them.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) in Congress, his vision and contributions helped to improve the lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders all across this country. This included notable efforts to reunite Filipino World War II veterans with their loved ones, secure treatment for atomic veterans suffering from service-related radiation exposure, and to commemorate the patriotism of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Mark was also a strong proponent for cancer research. In fact, I will never forget the tears in his eyes when he first learned about Vice President JOE BIDEN's Cancer Moonshot initiative and the warm embrace they shared at the House Democratic Retreat. It gave Mark and millions of Americans hope that we will finally find a cure for cancer. In his memory, we will continue hoping and fighting until this becomes a reality.

We in CAPAC value the privilege we had to work with Mark in Congress, and will never forget his warmth, kindness, and strong dedication to bettering our community and our country. On behalf of the 50 Members of CAPAC, I thank Mark for his lifetime of leadership and service. I also thank his wife, Sami,

their children, Matthew and Kaila, and his parents, Erik and Naomi, for sharing Mark with us and the people of Hawaii.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander community has lost one of its great leaders, but his legacy will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the individuals he will continue to inspire for generations to come.

HONORING WILLIAM M. HALKE OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Major William M. Halke, on his retirement upon more than 40 years of military and civilian service with the United States Army.

Major Halke was a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship recipient and attended the University of Maine. He completed his M.S. degree in Logistics Systems Management from the University of Southern California's Viterbi School of Engineering via the GI Bill. He served more than 9 years in active military service, deployed to South Korea and Fort Lewis, Washington. Major Halke now retires after many years of civilian service with the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Major Halke's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom he served to be the best. His legacy of service to our Nation is admirable and sets the standard for all to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend and congratulate Major William M. Halke upon his retirement after 40 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

UNITED STATES FINANCIAL  
SYSTEM PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose the Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 (H.R. 4992). Unfortunately, I could not be in DC to vote against the bill as I was home in Minneapolis for the funeral of Philando Castile.

This bill undercuts the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal, by disrupting permissible financial transactions between Iran and the rest of the international community that occur completely outside the U.S. financial system. The Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 ac-

complishes this by reapplying secondary sanctions barring Iranian access to U.S. dollars in all situations, even in exchanges that do not involve a U.S. bank or pass through the U.S. financial system. This provision effectively subjects non-U.S. banks to the restrictions imposed on U.S. banks regarding dollar-denominated transactions with Iran.

This particular sanction barring all Iranian access to the U.S. dollar was lifted on the JCPOA's Implementation Day in return for Iran taking significant steps to meet its nuclear-related commitments, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). If this sanction were to be re-imposed, it would make Iran's reintegration into the global financial system incredibly difficult and likely negate much of the relief promised by the JCPOA.

In the Financial Services Protection Act of 2016 becomes law, our partners and Iran would both have reason to question our commitment to the nuclear deal, and Iran would likely seriously question the continued benefits of compliance with the nuclear deal. Therefore, the provisions contained within this bill could open a path for Iran to restart its nuclear program. This would put the nuclear deal at risk, undermine our national security interests, and significantly damage U.S. credibility and leadership abroad.

The JCPOA is a historic diplomatic achievement. It has not only constrained Iran's nuclear program and led to the dismantlement of key components of the program, but also subjected the program to unprecedented verification and monitoring requirements.

Simply put, the JCPOA ensures that Iran's nuclear program is and continues to be peaceful. As long as Iran continues to meet its commitments, we too must keep our commitments. Thus I oppose this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR.  
SEBASTIAN SILVEIRA

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Sebastian Silveira for his service to my office and California's Central Valley.

Mr. Silveira was born on September 23, 1990 in Hanford, California to David and Mary Lou Silveira. After attending St. Rose McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, California, Mr. Silveira went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business with a minor in Water Law and Policy from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California.

As a young adult, Mr. Silveira first showed an interest in public service as an intern for Congressman DEVIN NUNES where he worked diligently and earned the respect of many of his peers. After working for Congressman NUNES, Mr. Silveira was hired in January of 2014 as a Field Representative in my Hanford,

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California Congressional Office. His hard work was apparent early on and he was soon promoted to Senior Field Representative, a position in which he has excelled. Mr. Silveira's strong work ethic has grown during his tenure, which is evident by his commitment to constituent events and his passion for water policy. As one of the most important issues in the Twenty-First Congressional District, Mr. Silveira has worked to become a trusted advisor on water related issues.

Outside of work, Mr. Silveira is a pillar in our local community. He volunteers his time at the local food bank and helps to serve meals to those in need at a local soup kitchen once a week. Mr. Silveira is an active member in both the Kings County Young Republicans and the Kings County Republican Party Central Committee. In addition, Mr. Silveira enjoys spending time and helping his family on their vineyard, which has contributed immensely to his knowledge and interest in wine making.

Mr. Silveira's time with my office came to a close on July 29, 2016 when he left to attend the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. Knowing Mr. Silveira, his character, and his work ethic, I have no doubt that he will achieve many great things in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Sebastian Silveira for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALAN SCHENCK

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan Schenck of Clarinda, Iowa for being inducted into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class.

As a Clarinda native, Alan has always excelled in athletic competition. He got his start in 1973 at the University of Iowa where he was part of not only the swimming and diving team for three years, but also the Iowa Hawkeyes football team for two years. During his time at the University of Iowa his love for athletics and competition grew and his enthusiasm continues still, today. Alan has taken his passion for athletics and successfully made himself one of the most accomplished athletes to ever take part in the Iowa Senior Olympics. All across the Midwest Alan has won numerous medals in swimming, diving and track & field. He has participated in the games for 14 years and accumulated an impressive medal count, reaching almost 200 overall medals.

Alan's impressive resume doesn't stop with his lifelong athletic achievements. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the Air Force and now continues his involvement in a number of veteran organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, the Sons of American Legions and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Organization. Earlier this year, Alan was also appointed to serve on my Service Academy and Review Board to help select four young people from Iowa's Third Congressional District to attend each of the four United States Service Academies.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Alan for his induction into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class. I am proud to represent Alan in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Alan Schenck and wishing him nothing but continued success.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN "PETE" KIRBY

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge my constituent, Chief John "Pete" Kirby, from Centreville, Virginia. Chief Kirby will be hanging up his gear for the final time after 40 years of combined service with the Vienna and Centreville Volunteer Fire Departments.

From a young age, Pete was infatuated with the heroic service demonstrated by his local volunteer fire department. Following the footsteps of his uncle and idol, Austin Kirby, Pete began his public service 40 years ago when he joined the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department at age 16.

Over the years, his hard work and positive outlook led him on a path to becoming Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD). His time with the CVFD has been marked by efficiently leading his firefighters, as well as guiding the department's operations in emergency situations. In 2015, Pete was elected to serve as the Third Vice President of the Virginia State Firefighter's Association. Chief Kirby leaves office with a legacy of hands-on leadership and deep community ties.

Known to help those in need, even when off duty, Pete will be missed by all those who knew him. Even though he is leaving his role as the Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, I am certain he will continue his role as a local Good Samaritan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Chief Kirby's public work. His desire to serve those in need is commendable, and I implore each of us to imitate his dedication to duty. I wish Chief John "Pete" Kirby the best in his future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF STAND OUT'S DEDICATION TOWARDS MILITARY DIVERSITY

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Volunteers of America (VOA) Veterans Services, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), Los Rios College District, Mather VA Hospital, Women's Veterans Alliance, and Spiritual Warriors as they come together at the Stand Out celebration, recognizing the diversity of those who have served in the military. Additionally, this year marks the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine organizations participating in this celebration.

The Stand Out event reaches out to Northern California's military members and veterans who are underserved in a variety of areas including healthcare, housing, and employment. This year's event honors all women and LGBT veterans in the hopes that they will obtain the resources, education, and access to services that have been challenging to pursue, but nonetheless rightfully deserved. California has the largest population of homeless women and LGBT veterans in the nation. Since the transition from military to the civilian sector is challenging and often met with barriers, especially for women and the LGBT community, organizations participating in the Stand Out event are working together to ensure that these communities have the information and support to receive their rightful benefits.

In participating in the Stand Out celebration, it is important to recognize that all of this progress has not come easily, especially with the fear and hatred that exists for these populations. We thank those who are dedicated to helping these underserved communities of women and LGBT veterans despite the many challenges they have faced along the way.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Stand Out event celebrate military diversity and the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their commitment to women and LGBT veterans.

#### CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF YORK LODGE NO. 213, BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 125th Anniversary of York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since its founding on July 10, 1891, the Lodge has made immeasurable contributions to the welfare of our community through countless civic and charitable endeavors.

Whether providing college scholarships to local students, back-to-school programs for the children of homeless Veterans and students living in impoverished areas, drug awareness efforts and many other activities, Elks Lodge No. 213 has served/continues to serve the people of York and the surrounding region. York Lodge No. 213 steadfastly embodies its mission to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I'm proud to have this organization in our District and congratulate its Members on the 125th Anniversary of the York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

#### HONORING TYLER WILLIAMS

#### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tyler Williams of Hillsboro, Missouri. Tyler is a member of Troop 547 in the

Greater St. Louis Area Boy Scout Council who is being honored in ceremonies today for earning his Eagle Scout Rank on July 21, 2016.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Tyler built a "Welcome to Hillsboro" sign for the city. He came up with the idea, helped design the sign, gathered the supplies, raised funds to build it and supervised the construction. He worked a total of 350.2 man hours on the project.

Tyler's scouting career began in Pack 547 where he earned the highest Cub Scout Award, the Arrow of Light. In Boy Scouts, he attended National Youth Leader training and became a member of the Order of the Arrow, the Honor Society of Scouting. He earned 29 merit badges, camped for 110 nights and spent a total of 189.6 hours in community service. His leadership in his troop is unmatched. Tyler is a senior at Hillsboro High School who plans to pursue a career in the computer field.

For living by the Scout Oath and Law and being a fine example of how Scouting helps develop America's future leaders, I am proud to recognize Tyler Williams today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING MR. THOMAS LEWIS

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Lewis, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Though he's a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Lewis has spent most of his life in California after his family moved west when he was young. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of California, Davis before going on to complete his teaching credential at the University of California, Berkeley where he was named Student Teacher of the Year in 1989.

Mr. Lewis then moved to Napa County and began teaching math at the middle and high school levels. He currently serves as an Academic Specialist at Harvest Middle School, and is known for making math fun and accessible to all of his students. Using both his vast classroom experience and his personal knowledge of math, Mr. Lewis creates an engaging and productive classroom where students truly want to learn.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Lewis has served as chair of the Math Department, a member of National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Mathletes Coach, helping students engage with math in a fun manner. To address further needs in his community, Mr. Lewis started SurferMath, a company which provides math tutoring and other educational services.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Lewis dedicates his time and knowledge to inspiring students to not only learn math, but also to enjoy learning. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING CHARLEY ROBERT TAYLOR

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the decorated football career of Texas native, Charley Robert Taylor.

Charley Taylor was born in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he first found his passion for sports. Taylor began his athletic career by playing football during his eighth grade year while attending the then segregated Dalworth High School, where he excelled in track, baseball, and football.

During his time at Dalworth, Taylor realized that football came naturally. Taylor was named to the Texas All-State team during his senior year of high school and earned the opportunity to continue his passion for football at the collegiate level.

Since universities in Texas were not desegregated at the time, Taylor had to take his talent elsewhere. Upon graduation from Dalworth High School, Taylor attended Arizona State University where he excelled in football. At Arizona State, Taylor was a two-time All-American receiver and running back and was also named to the All-Western Athletic Conference team. During the 1962 season Taylor led the Devils in scoring.

Taylor was drafted in the first round of the 1964 NFL draft as the third overall pick to the Washington Redskins. During his first year as a Redskins player, Taylor was named NFC Rookie of the Year and was the first Redskin's rookie to be selected for the Pro Bowl.

In 1966, Taylor switched from running back to wide receiver and in both the 1966 and 1967 seasons, he led the NFL in receiving. On December 21, 1975, Taylor became the NFL's all-time receptions leader with his 634th catch.

Following the 1977 season, Taylor retired as the NFL's all-time leading receiver. He earned first or second-team NFL honors six times and was selected to play in eight Pro Bowls.

After retirement, Mr. Taylor continued his football career off the field. He was hired as an NFL scout for the Redskins and then in 1981, he was hired as the Redskin's receiver's coach. He served in that role for thirteen years.

Mr. Taylor has been inducted into both the Arizona State Sports Hall of Fame and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In honor of the retirement of Mr. Taylor's jersey at Grand Prairie High School and his role as a pillar of the Texas athletic community, this statement is submitted.

HONORING LISA M. CHAVEZ OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor our constituent, Staff Sergeant Lisa M. Chavez, for more than 22 years of both active and reserve component service with the United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Chavez served myriad duty assignments domestically and overseas. She

earned numerous awards and recognitions for her duty, to include the Meritorious Service Medal.

Staff Sergeant Chavez's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom she served to be the best. Her legacy of service to our Nation is commendable and set the standard.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend, congratulate and thank Staff Sergeant Lisa M. Chavez for her 22 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

REMEMBRANCE OF FATHER  
HENRY RODRIGUEZ

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Henry Rodriguez, a true leader and servant of the community of San Diego. Father Rodriguez passed away on Thursday, August 4, 2016 in his beloved city of San Diego.

Father Rodriguez was born in 1955 in National City, California. Father Henry was ordained for the diocese on July 12, 1986. He was the long-time Pastor at St. Jude Shrine of the West in San Diego's Southcrest neighborhood from 1989–2006. Recently, he served as a Father of St. John the Evangelist Parish, even as his health declined. Towards the end of his life, Father Rodriguez dedicated his time to providing hospice to those in need.

Father Rodriguez was well known throughout the community for his contribution to special events and celebrations, as well as community groups and organizations, frequently seen alongside Bishop Robert McElroy. Father Rodriguez served as chaplain to the San Diego Police Department, San Diego Hospice, and at Scripps Mercy Hospital. He believed in community policing and working with police officials to strengthen the community. As a chaplain for the SDPD, he helped comfort the family of Officer Jonathan De Guzman, who was killed in the line of duty. Father Rodriguez would later pass away the same day as Officer De Guzman's funeral Mass.

Father Rodriguez was warm and welcoming. He was a father, preacher and friend to many. He was considerate, genuine and devoted to making this world a better, more just place. His leadership will leave a lasting legacy. He will be missed by his family—his mother, Jennie Rodriguez, his siblings, Jennie Rodriguez, Gloria Taylor, Linda Rodriguez and Jess Rodriguez, his 10 nieces and nephews, and his San Diego community.

LIFE CHANGERS FOUNDATION—  
OILERS PEE WEE FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this time next month will be the first game of the season for the "Life Changers Foundation" (LCF)

Oilers of the North Harris County, Texas Pee Wee Football League. The LCF Oilers' head coach, Darrell Eldridge promotes discipline and commitment from his team. He continually works with his team to encourage good sportsmanship and fair play, instilling in these young boys and girls the value of athletics and achievement. The LCF Oilers dedication to advocating for individual excellence in sports, fine arts and other community-initiated programs helps challenge the community's future generations to learn the value of productivity and teamwork.

A mother of a pee wee Oiler from my district in Texas wrote to me and said, "it seems our children aren't a priority until they are a problem.". I strongly support community involvement in positive youth programs like the LCF. Oilers contribute to these kids' lives more than a few trophies. The goal of the LCF Oilers is to physically and mentally promote the betterment of these kids through physical competition—and it does exactly that.

The coaches, referees, and parents who offer these pee wee Oilers such an excellent opportunity in their young lives are to be commended for their dedication and support of the youth of our community.

#### HONORING CORAL SPRINGS CADET SQUADRON OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron of the noble Civil Air Patrol, who was recently honored by the Coral Springs City Commission in commemoration of their 30th anniversary of invaluable service to the Coral Springs community.

For decades, the Civil Air Patrol has performed the overwhelming majority of domestic search and rescue missions as an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The nonprofit organization is accredited for saving over seventy lives per year. These unpaid professionals claim a proud legacy of selfless sacrifice and service to their country and community that spans over decades. The debt we owe to these brave individuals is immeasurable, and we must always remember their service.

The Coral Springs Cadet Squadron has been serving the South Florida communities of Coral Springs, Parkland, Coconut Creek, Tamarac, and Margate for 30 years. Their ready willingness to present colors and render honors at ceremonies makes them an irreplaceable asset to these cities. Furthermore, their cadet programs inspire youth to become leaders and exemplary citizens.

I am proud to honor the Coral Springs Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I join the Coral Springs Commission in congratulating them on three decades of exemplary service and leadership.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE  
JOSEPH A. PALAIA

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the life of former New Jersey State Senator Joseph Palaia, who passed away on August 20, 2016 after a life filled with numerous professional and personal accomplishments.

Senator Palaia was a dedicated public servant. An Ocean Township resident, Senator Palaia began his political career as a township councilman and mayor, first elected to the council in 1967. After 12 years of service to the Ocean Township community, Senator Palaia moved on to serve as a Freeholder in Monmouth County. In 1982 and 1989 he was elected to the New Jersey State Assembly and Senate, respectively, representing residents of Monmouth County on the state level. An advocate for gun control and improved health and educational services for children with disabilities, Senator Palaia was a prominent member of the legislative body until his retirement in 2008.

A graduate of Rider University (then Rider College), Senator Palaia worked as a teacher and principal of the Wanamassa Elementary School in Ocean Township for 33 years prior to his government service. His passion for education and his commitment to the community and public service have been widely recognized through elections to the Rider College Hall of Fame, the Neptune High School Hall of Fame and the dedication of an Ocean Township park in his name.

Senator Palaia is remembered by his loving family, including his daughter, daughter-in-law, grandsons, sister and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Senator Palaia for his leadership and dedication to his community and state.

#### ASHLYN DARNELL

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Ashlyn Darnell for completing Basic Combat Training for the United States Army. Ashlyn is a Goreville, Illinois native who just turned 18 early in August, and she will be returning to Goreville to finish her senior year of high school before reporting for Advanced Individual Training.

Ashlyn was able to attend basic training thanks to the Split Training Option program, which allows high school students to complete basic training during the summer between their junior and senior years. After completing her Advanced Individual Training, Ashlyn plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and will enter the ROTC program as she pursues a degree in nursing. Once she graduates, Ashlyn plans to enlist in active duty for the U.S. Army.

Ashlyn's sense of duty and service guided her to pursue a future in the U.S. Army. De-

spite her successful career as a two-sport high school athlete and the opportunity to play basketball for a university program, Ashlyn still seeks a career as a member of the U.S. military. She cites her desire to work for the freedoms of our country as a core factor in her decision. Ashlyn is so driven to join the military despite her youth that she even had her parents sign the consent forms that allowed her to enlist in the reserves.

I offer my congratulations to Ashlyn Darnell for her completion of Basic Combat Training, and I wish her the best of luck as she pursues a career of service with the U.S. Army.

#### HONORING SUSIE WILSON OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor my constituent, Susie Wilson, on her retirement upon more than 10 years of service with the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED).

During her tenure at PAMED, Ms. Wilson served as executive director to several specialty and county medical societies, including the Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists. Ms. Wilson also has served with the American College of Veterinary Radiology, Pennsylvania Ambulatory Surgery Association, Pennsylvania Neurosurgical Society and other medical groups.

Prior to her tenure at PAMED, Ms. Wilson served with the Pennsylvania State Foster Parent Association and assisted students with learning disorders and emotional disabilities. After her retirement from PAMED, she'll resume her work with children.

Ms. Wilson's tireless dedication and professionalism touched the lives of countless people. She's left a true legacy of selfless service.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend, congratulate and thank Susie Wilson upon her retirement after more than 10 years of service to Pennsylvania and her community.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DAVID WILLIAM REANEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel David "Dave" William Reaney upon his retirement as Executive Director of Feeding the Gulf Coast.

Dave was born in Iowa and grew up in California before enlisting in the Army as an intelligence analyst in 1969. After serving in Germany, he commissioned through the Officer Candidate program at Fort Benning in 1974.

He spent the next 26 years as a Military Intelligence Officer at 12 different locations throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He served as Chief of the Electronic Intelligence Watch, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany supporting operations following the bombing of the Beirut Marine Barracks, as well as the 1986 U.S. attack on

Libya. After being promoted to Colonel in 1996, he was assigned to the National Security Agency as Deputy Chief of the Office of Global Response.

After 30 years of active service, Col. Reaney retired in February 2000. Just a few months later, in April, he was appointed Executive Director of Feeding the Gulf Coast. Formerly known as the Bay Area Food Bank, Feeding the Gulf Coast is responsible for serving a 24-county area including south Alabama, south Mississippi, and the Florida panhandle. The organization operates multiple nutrition programs and distributed over 20 million pounds of food in 2015.

Under his leadership, Feeding the Gulf Coast reached new heights and achieved major milestones. The organization moved into a new facility, increased distribution from 4 to over 21 million pounds of food annually, acquired nine refrigerated delivery vehicles, developed afterschool snack and summer lunch programs for children at over 215 locations, and constructed a new branch warehouse in Milton, Florida. Col. Reaney also oversaw the organization's disaster response to Hurricane Ivan, Hurricane Katrina, and the Gulf Coast oil spill.

Col. Reaney has a long list of personal achievements throughout his years of military and humanitarian service. He is a 1999 inductee into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia and a 2001 inductee into the University of South Alabama ROTC Department Hall of Fame. His fifteen military service awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He has also served on the board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as past president of both the Alabama Food Bank Association and the Florida Association of Food Banks. Additionally, he played a critical part in the establishment of Alabama Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey's "End Child Hunger" task force.

So on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I wish Colonel Dave Reaney and his wife, Monika, all the best upon his retirement. And, on behalf of a grateful nation, I share our appreciation and gratitude for his years of service and sacrifice.

#### THE PASSING OF LUKE TATSU JOHNSON

#### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, the unique middle name Tatsu proved to be a fitting moniker for Luke Tatsu Johnson. The tatsu, or dragon, is a centuries old mythical creature of great wonder, bravery, and strength. Throughout his extraordinary life, Luke consistently demonstrated his own special type of courage, power, and excellence. As a loving son and older brother, loyal friend, accomplished student and athlete, all-around young man of solid character, and ultimately, brave cancer patient, Luke filled his life with meaning and grace.

Luke was always an active kid—he loved being outdoors doing just about anything with family and friends. Over time, the video game

consoles gathered dust while Luke played organized baseball, flag football, soccer, and golf, participated in Junior Lifeguards and the Stud Ironman, engaged in backyard competitions with his brother Spencer, went skiing, boogie boarding, and bike riding, and enjoyed the big, small town atmosphere of Alamitos Heights and Long Beach. Some of Luke's passions occasionally kept him indoors—mom's cooking, sushi, and sports TV, especially if his beloved Angels or Chargers were playing.

Luke held himself to high standards and achieved success in his many endeavors. He was a straight A student since grade school, including his freshman and sophomore years in high school studies—which he completed while enduring often difficult chemotherapy regimens. During his two periods of remission, Luke worked tirelessly on his golf game. He enjoyed long hours at the driving range and on the course alongside his father and brother. In April of 2015, while still regaining strength after his initial treatment, Luke made a hole-in-one on a family outing in Northern California. In the greenside photo commemorating that moment, Luke stands ball in hand, bathed in sunlight, shining his familiar winning smile.

Luke faced his illness with the same determination and strength of character with which he pursued all of his challenges. Through months of hospital stays, difficult treatments, and intermittent setbacks, Luke continued to push ahead and never lost touch with his true nature and he remained the great kid—full of good cheer, quick to smile, concerned about others, close to his parents and Spencer—that he had always been.

Luke's story inspired a broad array of supporters—Team Luke—which included friends, teammates, and relatives as well as celebrities and PGA stars. It is in and through this team that loved him that Luke's unique spirit will continue to soar, like a tatsu, as a source of courage and grace.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS

#### HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on sixty-nine years of dedicated service, and proclaim October 2016 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals are to institute high standards of education, recognize outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and promote educational and charitable projects, enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of more than 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth, and collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession, and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of America's workforce and are constantly striving to serve their communities and America in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last two years alone, members of Alpha Delta Kappa have altruistically given to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$12 million and volunteering more than two million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa members biennially award more than a quarter million dollars through eleven scholarship programs and have contributed more than \$1 million to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well as they continue to educate our children.

#### RECOGNIZING KNOEBELS AMUSEMENT RESORT UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Since 1926, this multigenerational, family-owned and operated business has been America's largest free-admission park, and continues today as a world-renowned attraction that has stayed true to its family-focused roots for nearly a century.

Originally known as "Peggy's Farm," the land that is now Knoebels was passed down from owner to owner until 1828 when Reverend Henry Hartman Knoebel purchased the property for \$931. Reverend Knoebel's grandson, Henry, who was commonly known as "Ole Hen," began selling soft drinks and ice cream to the families that would come for picnics on the property. In 1926, Ole Hen added a restaurant, carousel, games, and a pool to officially mark the beginning of Knoebels Amusement Park. Various rides and amusements were added to the park throughout the years to bring the current total to 63, including six roller coasters, two water rides, two miniature railways, a golf course, and several restaurants.

I've enjoyed family outings to the park, just like thousands of my constituents and visitors from around the world, and can attest firsthand to the welcoming atmosphere and family-friendly style that has made Knoebels one of America's best amusement parks. With a commitment to the family's overall vision, it is no wonder that Amusement Today and organizations such as American Coaster Enthusiasts and the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions have recognized the park with various awards throughout the years. In 2014, the Travel Channel named Knoebels as one of their Top 10 Family Friendly Amusement Parks in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. "Make

new memories the old fashioned way” is their slogan that is in action every day, and I am confident that the park will be enjoyed by families visiting Pennsylvania’s 11th Congressional District for years to come. I wish the Knoebels all the best as they continue to operate a resort where families can go to create lasting memories and share in the spirit upon which the property was founded.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEEN SERVE  
CAMP HELPING OUT IN STERLING  
PARK

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Teen Serve Camp, namely, the 264 teenagers who recently banded together to serve the community in Sterling’s Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park. I would like to personally commend these young volunteers who so selflessly dedicated themselves to providing service and “life-giving” to those in the Loudoun community without asking anything in return. These notable young men and women truly embody the very best of our nation’s values through their service to the community and their commitment to the betterment of others’ lives.

The Teen Serve Camp has increased its services exponentially since its formation in 2011, growing from just 17 teenagers into a total of nearly 1,000 middle and high schoolers. Spending their precious time over summer vacation, students serve their neighbors through various tasks to help raise awareness and funds for local and national charities. The services these campers provide to others extend far beyond the call to action.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Teen Serve Camp in Sterling. I wish them all the best and hope that they remain a positive example of service to the community.

HONORING MS. DENISE KELLER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denise Keller, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Keller completed her Bachelor of Art in Sociology at Sonoma State University, before going on to earn her Social Studies Education Specialist Credential at San Francisco State University. She began her career working as a Special Day Class Teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and then transitioned to working as a Resource Specialist for the Elk Grove Unified School District. In 2004, Ms. Keller joined American Canyon Middle School as a Resource Specialist, and began teaching 6th Grade Social Studies in 2010.

In her classroom, Ms. Keller brings history to life and encourages her students to appreciate the relevance of our past to their lives today. She employs her extensive knowledge of project-based learning to engage her students in the classroom and instill a passion for learning.

Furthermore, Ms. Keller has taken on many new challenges to support students and her colleagues at American Canyon Middle School. She serves as the yearbook advisor, encouraging students’ creativity and leadership. Ms. Keller also chairs the Social Studies Department and is the 6th Grade Team Leader, coordinating and supporting the work of faculty.

Mr. Speaker, Denise Keller is a dedicated teacher who uses her time and knowledge to inspire young students to strive for excellence, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF  
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Hanford, California and honor the one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary of its founding.

The city’s humble beginnings began in 1877 when the Southern Pacific Railway began construction of a rail line which passed through what is now the City of Hanford. Within a short time, and with the railway’s support, Hanford grew from a small settlement to a prominent trading center in the area. Hanford, California was officially incorporated in August of 1891.

Over the course of the past century, Hanford has seen many changes and has faced its fair share of challenges, including fires in 1887 and 1891 which destroyed most of the downtown area. However, because of the determination of its citizens, Hanford would go on to rebuild and thrive. Today, the city boasts over fifty thousand residents, a revitalized and prospering downtown area, and a vibrant and diverse economy.

As a resident of Hanford, I have seen firsthand the sense of community and the willingness to help each other that makes our town a wonderful place to live and raise a family. I am proud to call Hanford my home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the City of Hanford’s one hundred and twenty fifth Anniversary and to wish the community all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO NORA EVERETT

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Principal Financial Group, Inc. President of Retirement and Income Solutions Nora Everett for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree

by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Everett has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Nora Everett has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does and her exemplary work with the Principal Financial Group, Inc. She is an integral component of one of Iowa’s largest and most successful employers, building a long and illustrious career with The Principal Financial Group, Inc., based in Des Moines, Iowa. In all aspects of her life, Nora Everett is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Nora Everett in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Nora Everett on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Everett a long and successful career.

RECOGNIZING BOYER’S FOOD MARKETS  
UPON THE OCCASION OF  
THEIR 67TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it’s my honor to recognize Boyer’s Food Markets upon the occasion of their 67th Anniversary. Boyer’s is a full service supermarket chain in Northeastern Pennsylvania that provides my constituents with an easy-in easy-out, no hassle experience. Customer service is the foundation of Boyer’s success and the employees pride themselves on personal connections, copying the days when local corner stores knew each customer by name and were as much a part of the community as the people they served.

In 1949, Harold S. Boyer opened his first corner store in Orwigsburg and since then has expanded the chain to 18 stores across Northeastern Pennsylvania, including locations in Hazleton, Elysburg, Berwick, Lykens, and Mt. Carmel within my congressional district. Their famed “Red Shirt Service” takes its name from the red shirt and black pants uniforms that employees wear in order to be visible to shoppers. They pride themselves on providing unique and local service in each store while having the “friendliest, most helpful, and knowledgeable teammates.” Such outstanding service speaks not only to the commitment of the employer, but also to the strength of every

employee. Whether doing your weekly shopping or planning for a large event, Boyer's has continued to be the trusted store that caters to the customers they serve in each local community.

Boyer's is known for engaging with each local community to create lasting bonds. They offer non-profit organizations the opportunity to fundraise by selling hoagies, desserts, and pizzas with no upfront payment and a share of the profits once the items are sold. The Caring/Sharing Scrip Gift Card Program lets churches and schools purchase gift cards in bulk with a five percent discount that is donated back to the church or school. Boyer's is also committed to helping families eat healthy without spending too much time or money in the process. Their exclusive B-Healthy Kids Program hosts events that are educational and fun with the goal of promoting a balanced diet. Never turning away an opportunity to donate to local school districts and their athletics programs has become a hallmark of Boyer's, and Southern Columbia Area School District is one of the many recipients in my district to have received such generous donations.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Boyer's Food Markets upon the occasion of their 67th Anniversary. I wish Boyer's employees and customers all the best as they continue to exemplify the positive relationship between a business and its community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR. GOULD  
B. HAGLER, JR.

**HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and a man, Mr. Gould B. Hagler, Jr., who has devoted his life to serving the individuals and the communities of Georgia.

This year, Gould will retire from the Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia, where he has spent the past thirty years working to represent the many independent insurance agencies and the thousands of Georgians employed by those small businesses. Under Gould's leadership, the Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia has been recognized for countless achievements by their national association.

Gould has spent his career advocating for Georgians through his association management and legislative affairs positions with the Georgia General Assembly, the Council of State Governments and the Medical Association of Georgia.

As a native Georgian, Gould has certainly made it his life's work to better the people and communities of our great state. On behalf of the people of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I commend Gould B. Hagler, Jr. for his years of outstanding service, and congratulate him as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ROBERT WEED PLYWOOD'S MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the employees and owners of Robert Weed Plywood in Bristol, Indiana, as they celebrate 50 years of creating high-quality products and contributing to the growth of Northern Indiana's vital manufacturing.

Since its founding in 1966, Robert Weed Plywood has been a trailblazer in manufacturing. In 1969, they opened their 18,000-square-foot distribution center in Bristol, where they serve 18 industries across the country ranging from vehicle production to healthcare.

Robert Weed Plywood is recognized as one of the finest manufacturers in the industry. They are consistently at the forefront of fabrication and distribution. Their continued success is due to their approach to business, their skilled workforce, their dedication to technological advancement, and their adherence to the industry's highest standards.

Within the past decade, Robert Weed Plywood has expanded significantly. They established RWP West LLC in Weiser, Idaho, in 2007 and in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 2008. Such growth allows them to provide their exemplary services to the entire nation. Hoosiers can be proud that Robert Weed Plywood's roots are in the Indiana's Second District.

The company also boasts a history marked by its dedication to the community. With their strong business model, they have served as an example of the importance of supporting local businesses. They have provided thousands of good-paying jobs for Hoosiers. They exemplify the long-standing tradition of excellence in Indiana.

For the past half century, Robert Weed Plywood has demonstrated their passion for serving customers, providing exceptional products, and achieving the highest level of manufacturing excellence.

On behalf of Hoosiers across Indiana, I sincerely congratulate Robert Weed Plywood on their 50th anniversary, and I wish them continued success and growth in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ANNE  
MOLNAR OF LORAIN, OHIO

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Anne Molnar, who passed from this life on Thursday, August 11, 2016 in her adopted home town of Lorain, Ohio. Anne was a dynamo and her spirit remains so.

I came to know Anne well in the Fall of 2012. An elected leader in Lorain, she proved an able guide in what was then a new part of Ohio's 9th District. Together, we shared a vision to make life better for the people of Lorain, with special attention to its senior citizens. In all the time I have known her, Anne was a good friend to me and to the people of Lorain.

Anne Bokulic was born May 30, 1926 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of the Morton School of Nursing in Pennsylvania and moved to Lorain, Ohio in 1947. She pursued her career as a staff nurse at Amherst Hospital, retiring after 44 years of service.

Having practiced public service as a nurse, after retiring Anne began her new career as an elected official. She served on Lorain City Council in her later years, four terms as Ward 6 Council Member from 1998 to 2005 and again as an at large member for three terms from 2008 through 2013. Her tenure was marked by careful attention to the needs of people at both ends of life: older adults and children. She passionately and deeply cared for both, even while ably serving all of Lorain's citizens.

In addition to her nursing and political careers, Anne was dedicated to a number of organizations meeting the needs of the community's most vulnerable people. She offered her services as a Guardian Ad Litem for children and Voices for Children, speaking up for children involved in the court system. She was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Lorain Citizens League. She served as a member of the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency and the People's Coalition for Better Housing. For a decade she was a member of the Lorain Mayor's Citizens Participation Committee. She served as Treasurer for several school levies. In 1992 Anne was honored to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Anne was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Elyria and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church in Lorain. Croatian-American by heritage, Anne was proud of her ancestry and continued its traditions and language through her life. Many a fine meal was shared at her hospitable table.

Always gracious and grandmotherly, nonetheless Anne Molnar fought the good fight for her constituents. A mentor and friend to many, she was always interested in leading new people to public service and working in collaboration with colleagues. Anne Molnar leaves a long legacy of service in her community. Her spirit and perseverance brought a measure of stability and hope to the people she served and she never gave up in pursuing what she knew was right.

Anne Molnar was one of a kind. She was an endless dynamo for her family and community. She never stopped giving or advocating, even in the most nettlesome situations. Anne leaves to cherish her memory her children Michael, Joseph, Robert and Lisa, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, her sister Mary and brother Peter, nieces, nephews and countless friends. We wish for her loved ones peace and some small measure of comfort in remembering this remarkable woman and the gift of her life.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MT.  
SHARON PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH, GILCHRIST COMMUNITY,  
ADAMSVILLE, TN

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, for generations, Mt. Sharon Presbyterian Church has



served as a focal point for community life near Adamsville. Just like its congregation, it has grown over the years to better serve its membership.

One hundred and fifty years ago, on September 15, 1866, Reverend Robert Young and approximately 70 people came together to organize the Mt. Sharon Society, Gilchrist Community of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Originally a log structure, the Church was located southwest of Snake Creek on land of Cornelius Gilchrist. Brother T. F. Wilson, Brother Cornelius Gilchrist and Brother John L. Groves were chosen as ruling elders.

In the 1890's the log structure was replaced by one made of lumber that included a bell tower and in 1957, a new brick structure was completed. The following year, the Church added a porch, and in 1959, a steeple.

At a dedication service in September 1959, the morning bulletin read, "Let us remember that the job was completed only through time, talents and love of over 300 people and gifts from Presbyterian churches from Tennessee, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Lansing Michigan and far beyond."

Forty years later, in 1989, the Church added additional dining space which still exists today and an outdoor basketball court was completed. Three years later, the Church purchased a manse with 4.5 acres.

The Church celebrates its anniversary on the third Sunday in September.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEBI DURHAM

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Durham has devoted her life to confronting challenges many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organizations and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Debi Durham has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with the Iowa Economic Development Authority is a testament to that. Ms. Durham works with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad to maintain the Iowa Economic Development Authority as a public-private partnership to improve Iowa's delivery of Iowa's economic services. Prior to leading Iowa's economic development initiatives, Debi Durham served as president of the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce, serving communities in northwest Iowa. In all aspects of her life, Debi Durham is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Debi Durham in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Debi Durham on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Durham a long and successful career.

#### IN HONOR OF NEW MT. ZOAR BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the New Mt. Zoar Baptist Church, which is celebrating 150 years since its founding, as well as its pastor, Reverend Spencer F. Isaac, who is celebrating his 20th anniversary of leading this great congregation. I would like to personally congratulate this institution for its continued role in fostering a sense of community in Manassas, Virginia. This Church represents our nation's values through dedicated worship, as well as willingness to serve the community.

The New Mt. Zoar Baptist Church has grown exponentially since its foundation in 1866, when a former slave followed the Union Army from Louisiana to Fairfax, Virginia. The once small congregation of 33 individuals has now flourished into over 300 members whom meet and worship together regularly. Pastor Isaac has been a staple to the church since 1996, guiding all those who seek a stronger spiritual purpose in life. This is a clear testament to the outstanding work and commitment to the community which is conducted by this admirable congregation and they are deserving of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine group, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the New Mt. Zoar Baptist Church for 150 years of existence and Reverend Spencer F. Isaac in his 20th year as Pastor of the church. I wish them all the best and hope that they remain devoted to their faith and Virginia's 10th District for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING MRS. NATIVA WOOD UPON HER INDUCTION AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

#### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mrs. Nativa Wood upon her induction as the president of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). Nativa spent 35 years as a court reporter in the Dauphin County Courthouse in my district, serving as the chief court reporter for the last 11 years of

her service before retiring in 2015. Through her decades of public service and involvement with various associations and foundations, she has continually set an example of hard work and dedication for all professionals in my district and has helped to inspire the next generation of selfless public servants.

Nativa joined the Dauphin County Courthouse in 1977 after graduating from Central Penn College. She has been involved with the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association since 1983 and was the president from 1990 to 1992. She served as the chair of the National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF), the charitable arm of the NCRA, which works to educate legal professionals with informational programs and introduce prospective court reporters to the profession. Nativa has also served as the chair of the Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters and the Committee on Professional Ethics.

Mrs. Wood also understands that her current endeavors can help leave a lasting legacy for future generations of court reporters. She is a proud member of the NCRF's Legacy Society, which coordinates estate planning so that the NCRF can act as a beneficiary of an individual's will in order to continue giving back to the profession for decades to come. Nativa's commitment to the profession and her community will always be remembered. February 18 has been declared "Nativa Wood Day" in Dauphin County in honor of her distinguished career and exemplary professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Mrs. Nativa Wood upon her induction as the president of the National Court Reporters Association. Her husband, Jerry, and son, Patrick, have played an important role in her success and continue to inspire her dedication to the profession. I wish Mrs. Wood the best in her new role and look forward to seeing her continued contributions to court reporters across my district, state, and our nation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO HONGWANJI BETSUIN'S ANNUAL BAZAAR

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin's Annual Bazaar. As our community gathers to showcase and celebrate Japanese food and culture, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable festival.

The Sacramento Buddhist Church is one of the oldest Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Churches in the continental United States and, as such, is one of Sacramento's richest cultural gems. In 1947, the church hosted its first bazaar in an effort to encourage strength and identity within the Japanese-American community. In its 70th year, the bazaar is now a treasured and highly-anticipated Sacramento summer festival. With attendance in the tens of thousands, the bazaar no longer attracts only the immediate community of the church's congregation, but serves to educate and engage the larger Sacramento community on Japanese culture.



Close to 700 volunteers come together to facilitate the bazaar, which funds scholarships, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and the Dharma School supported by the church. The Sacramento Buddhist Church's Annual Bazaar has been invaluable to Sacramento in its promotion of cross-cultural understanding and unity in Sacramento's diverse community.

Mr. Speaker, as the community of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin gathers to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their Annual Bazaar, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring their commitment to preserving and sharing the rich traditions of Japanese culture with the wider community.

**CELEBRATING THE 70TH  
BIRTHDAY OF GARY BROGAN**

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th birthday of Gary Brogan. A proud veteran and devoted family man, Gary is a pillar of the Round Rock, TX community.

A son of the American heartland, Gary was born September 8, 1946 in Winfield, Kansas. It was there he learned the values of hard work and integrity that made him the man he is and that he has used in service to others.

Gary felt the call to serve and joined the U.S. Navy in 1966. He soon volunteered for combat duty and spent a year in Vietnam, earning a Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and an Honorable Discharge. Like many of those brave warriors who served, Gary was never given a proper welcome upon his safe return to our shores. He was even advised not to wear his uniform in public to avoid the scorn of protestors.

Following his move to Round Rock in 2007, Gary has become a beloved citizen of my home town. He and wife Vicki have been supporters of the Heart to Heart Gala, which benefits the Sacred Heart Community Clinic as well as supporting local high school booster clubs and numerous charities in Round Rock. Both are proud and devoted members of St. Williams Catholic Church.

Gary's family and friends are making sure he gets a celebration befitting a hero. On August 6, the Legion Hall in Round Rock will be packed with well-wishers saluting a great man who has both served his nation and positively impacted his community.

Gary Brogan's commitments to freedom, community, and family reflect the best values of Central Texas. I join all lucky enough to know him in wishing him a happy birthday and best wishes for the years ahead.

**HONORING MS. DANA SIMON**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dana Simon, who is

being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Simon grew up in Lafayette, California and completed her Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of Southern California. After completing her English teaching credential at San Francisco State University, Ms. Simon began teaching at Pleasanton Middle School in 1996, and has worked with middle schoolers ever since. She completed her Master of Science in Education focusing on Curriculum and Instruction in 2007, and has been working with students at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School in St. Helena, California since 2010.

Ms. Simon makes her classroom a creative and fun environment to inspire students to become engaged learners. She sets high expectations for her students and provides them with the support and encouragement they need to achieve great results. Outside the classroom, Ms. Simon is a member of the school's Technology Committee and the Advancement Via Individual Determination Site Team, ensuring all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Even with her busy teaching schedule, Ms. Simon has found time to engage with important civic causes. She serves as a member of the Napa Family Law Justice Center's Strategic Planning Committee, and she previously sat on the board of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Mr. Speaker, Dana Simon has dedicated two decades of her career to inspiring students in our community to learn and strive for excellence, both through her engaging work in the classroom and as a community leader. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,481,571,141,221.67. We've added \$8,854,694,092,308.59 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

**TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOE  
HOCKEY, THE AUSTRALIAN AM-  
BASSADOR TO THE UNITED  
STATES**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Honorable Joe Hockey, the Australian Ambassador to the United States, who has become the honorary patron of Washington DC Youth Rugby.

The Embassy of Australia has been a partner with Washington DC Youth Rugby for the past six years, reaching out to underserved youth in the District of Columbia's inner city, promoting health and physical fitness, and teaching valuable life skills through the international sport of rugby.

Recognizing rugby as the fastest growing sport at the youth level, the Embassy hosted over 300 guests at a sports diplomacy reception on August 25, with proceeds benefiting Washington DC Youth Rugby. That evening, Ambassador Hockey will be highlighting the participation of the Australian Wallabies and USA Eagles in the Olympics for the first time since 1924.

Founded in 2004 with just seven players to field a team, Washington DC Youth Rugby has grown from a summer-only touch program in Northeast DC to sponsoring a tackle program for high school boys and girls at Bell Multicultural High School in Columbia Heights. While using rugby as a vehicle for social inclusion and youth development, Washington DC Youth Rugby is offering flag rugby in over 20 District elementary and middle schools in physical education classes and afterschool program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking the Embassy of Australia for showcasing sports diplomacy in DC and making a difference for the youth of our city in terms of health, self-esteem, teamwork and social skills development. I would also like to thank the coaches, volunteers, donors, partner schools, students, parents and alumni of Washington DC Youth Rugby on their steady growth and accomplishments over the last 12 years.

**HONORING BERKELEY MT. ZION  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, located in Berkeley, California upon its 70th Anniversary as a strong religious pillar in the East Bay community.

Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1946 by Reverend Neal Lee Peterson, Deacon Fred Williams, Brother Harrison Williams, and Sisters Mattie Mae Peterson, Lula Williams, Ethel Mae Posey, Nora Sargent, Morrell Posey, Maxine Lyons, and Thelma A.J. Upchurch, who met at the home of Sister Maxine Lyons to fulfill the vision of Reverend Peterson.

During its early years, Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church met in the homes of various members, and held services at the Codornices Village Recreation Center.

In 1949, Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church was able to purchase its property on Camelia Street and establish its first permanent position. Services were held there for 12 years. As time passed, the church outgrew the small space, and in January 1961, the church moved into its newly-completed home on Eighth Street.

In 1966, Reverend Doctor M.T. Thompson answered the Lord's call to Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he led the

congregation for nearly 40 years. Under his leadership, the ministries of Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church expanded and grew.

One of the most notable newly-established ministries of Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church was established in March 1993, under the direction of Pastor Thompson. The Helping Hands of Zion Outreach Ministries seeks to reclaim and redirect the lives of families and individuals who have fallen through the cracks in our society by providing them with food, clothing, education, and employment assistance.

Pastor Thompson retired from Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in November 2005, after nearly 40 years of faithful service. In November 2006, Reverend Brian D. Hunter was elected Senior Pastor of Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and he currently serves as pastor.

Throughout the years, Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been steadfast and faithful in her efforts to fulfill the mission of the church: evangelism, discipleship, and mission.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church on the special occasion of its 70th anniversary. I wish Berkeley Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church many more years of faithful and compassionate service.

#### RECOGNIZING PROCTER & GAMBLE'S MEHOOPANY PLANT UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Procter & Gamble's Mehoopany Plant, and the employees that work there, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. P&G is a global producer of consumer goods that prides itself on passing down core values and principles to future generations. The Mehoopany plant is an essential part of Northeastern Pennsylvania, employing thousands of my constituents who take pride in being active members of our community.

Opened in 1966, P&G's Mehoopany plant has grown to be one of their largest in the world. Driving down Route 87 into Mehoopany, you can't miss the plant sitting on the Susquehanna River. Its sheer size puts their impact into perspective. In stores all across the country, you're seeing products that were made by Mehoopany employees, such as Bounty paper towels, Charmin bathroom tissues, and Pampers diapers. The plant became P&G's first energy self-sufficient facility in 2013 with the construction of two natural gas-fired cogeneration turbines which utilize gas from Marcellus Shale beneath the 1,100-acre property. In 2012, 50 percent of the plant's electrical needs were met using Marcellus gas, and, for the previous 45 years, the Mehoopany plant was the largest electricity and natural gas customer for our local utility companies.

P&G's slogan, "Touching lives, improving life," is in use every day as their employees

have made community involvement an essential part of their daily operation. In 2015, for the seventh straight year, the plant broke its previous year's fundraising effort by donating over \$500,000 to several Northeastern Pennsylvania United Ways. P&G has always been committed to ensuring that its employees have the resources necessary for success, both during and after their careers. That's why it's not surprising that over a quarter of its workforce are third generation employees. For example, P&G Mehoopany Credit Union opened in 1971 to benefit its members with affordable services they pride themselves on providing, where each member is greeted by name when they enter the building. Even after their careers at P&G are over, employees find that groups such as the P&G Mehoopany Retirees Association keep them involved in the community through volunteer projects, while also providing the opportunity to fulfill lifelong dreams by organizing trips around the world with their former coworkers.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Procter & Gamble's Mehoopany plant and their generations of employees for five decades of successful operation in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Through a commitment to quality products, employee appreciation, and local engagement, the Mehoopany plant has become a symbol of what can be accomplished when a community-first approach is taken. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the employees of Procter & Gamble's Mehoopany plant the best as they continue to bring prosperity and employment opportunities to my district, and I look forward to the facility's success and innovation in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF MAJOR CHARLES E. "DOC" MERKEL, JR., PH.D., U.S. ARMY (RET.)

##### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Major Charles E. "Doc" Merkel, Jr., Ph.D., U.S. Army (ret.) upon the occasion of his retirement from the 53d Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Dr. Merkel has dedicated more than 45 years in support of our Nation's defense. His service began with a 20 year career in the U.S. Army, then as a member of the private sector supporting development of air armament systems, and culminating with a civil servant career with the 53d Wing. It is my privilege to pay tribute to his lifetime of honorable service to Northwest Florida and our great Nation.

His active duty military career saw a variety of assignments. As an Army aviator, Dr. Merkel flew UH-1H helicopters as a member of Casper Platoon of the 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep) in the Republic of Vietnam, where he also helped collect and distribute school supplies and clothing to a Christian and Buddhist orphanage in the village of Bong Son.

He was assigned to the United States Army Signal Center and School and then commanded the Fort Monmouth Ceremonial Unit for a year prior to being selected as a test pilot for the U.S. Army Electronics Command. During his final two years at the Signal Center

and School, Dr. Merkel served as the Commanding Officer of the 800-man Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, Dr. Merkel was assigned to the 2nd "All Infantry" Brigade, 2nd Division, Camp Hovey, Republic of Korea as an S-2 intelligence officer and S-5 civil affairs officer. For his humanitarian work while in Korea, he was elected as [Honorary] Mayor in Kwang Am-Ri (Tokko-ri) and was recognized by People to People International.

When he returned to the U.S., Dr. Merkel served on the United States Army Aviation Board as a test project officer and later as division chief of the Electronics Systems Test Division. While on the board, he performed operational testing to enhance pilot and aircraft survivability.

He then served as Senior Assistant Professor of Military Science and Professor of Military Science at Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College in Wayne, Pennsylvania, before completing his military active duty career in the Army as a United States Army Tank-Automotive Command test engineer and Assistant Program Manager.

Dr. Merkel retired from the Army as a Master Army Aviator with over 3000 hours of total flying time, and decorations that include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and an Army Achievement Medal.

Upon his transition to civilian life, Dr. Merkel continued his service by working as a contractor with the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile Program, during which he was recognized with the Outstanding Achievement through Value Engineering Award for 1993 for his efforts managing special test vehicles and evaluating value engineering change proposals.

Most recently, Dr. Merkel served as a historian, responsible for covering military actions and civil disasters around the world, including in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation Enduring Freedom. While attached to the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in addition to his responsibilities as wing historian, Dr. Merkel established a campaign to provide the children in the province with school supplies. For his efforts, he was awarded the Exemplary Civilian Service Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Medal, and a special award from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Additionally, Dr. Merkel received the Exemplary Civilian Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and attached to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.

His education includes a Master of Science from Troy University and Master of Arts from Temple University. He also completed the United States Army Command and General Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and received his Ph.D. in history from Florida State University. He is an adjunct professor of history at Troy University, Northwest Florida State College, and Central Texas College.

His additional awards and accolades include: the John L. Geoghegan Alumni Citizenship Award in 2009 from the Widener-PMC

Alumni Association and the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus for Military Service by Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia. In 2010, he was also inducted into the Henry H. "Hap" Arnold Society by the Association of Graduates at the United States Military Academy.

An active member of the Northwest Florida community, Dr. Merkel supports numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Fisher House at Eglin Air Force Base, the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge, and the Walton County Heritage Museum; he is the president of the West Point Society of Northwest Florida; and he is the First Congressional District Coordinator and Admissions Representative for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. I can personally attest to his hard work and efforts in this capacity, and I appreciate his personal initiative to follow the progress of all Northwest Florida cadet appointees to West Point and to help ensure they get all the external advocacy/encouragement they may need for successful graduation.

Mr. Speaker, without question, Major Charles E. "Doc" Merkel, Jr., Ph.D., is retiring with an honorable career on which he can proudly hang his cap. He has touched countless lives throughout his time both in and out of the military and has given selflessly back to the country he loves so dearly. It is my pleasure to join a grateful Northwest Florida community and Nation in saluting his lifetime of service. Vicki and I thank Dr. Merkel; his wife, the former Diane Davis of Annandale, Virginia; daughter, Leigh Anne; son, Charles Robert and his wife, the former Julie Jordan of Graceville, Florida, and his three-year-old son, Charles Edward and wish them all the best for continued success.

#### IN MEMORY OF MR. JIM MORRIS

#### HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jim Morris, a beloved musician from Punta Gorda, who passed away on July 13, 2016.

Jim was a passionate singer and songwriter with a devotion to telling stories with his music. Born and raised in Georgia, he was a gifted athlete. Jim attended Augusta College, where he majored in English Literature, on a full baseball scholarship. After an injury forced Jim to give up his pursuit of a baseball career, he began what would be a fifteen year career with Hercules Chemical Company in Delaware.

Following a trip to Florida, Jim decided to leave his job as a corporate executive with Hercules Chemical and attempt to begin a career as a singer and songwriter in Punta Gorda, Florida. Jim quickly found success writing songs about his own life, including one about his outlook on life "Livin' Till the Day I Die." Friends have said that there is not a better phrase to describe the way in which Jim approached life.

Jim cared deeply about Punta Gorda and continuously worked to improve the small community. He served as an ambassador for the Charlotte County Bureau of Tourism, trav-

eling all over the country to tell others of the wonders of the community he fell in love with.

Jim was also a dedicated philanthropist, using his music to benefit those in need. He donated thousands of dollars to his favorite charity, Shoes for Kids, and performed dozens of benefit concerts all over the country throughout his career. Following the destruction of Hurricane Charlie in 2004, Jim assisted in organizing a benefit concert, to help his friends and neighbors get back on their feet, that raised over \$30,000.

According to those who knew him best, Jim was the type of man that never met a stranger. When not writing music, he loved to fish in Charlotte Harbor and travel around the world with his wife, Sharon.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for the entire Punta Gorda community in saying that our thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family as they mourn his passing. He will be greatly missed.

#### HONORING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWING INDUSTRY

#### HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable contributions of the towing and recovery industry in the United States, the Towing and Recovery Association of America, the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum, towing associations around the world, and the members of those towing associations, and to celebrate them.

In 1916, Ernest Holmes built the first twin boom wrecker in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for use in his own garage and later agreed to build and sell the units to others;

The first production wreckers were known as "680's" because they cost \$680;

In service to the United States, the Ernest Holmes Company supplied the W-45 military wrecker for use during World War II;

In 1959, the Ernest Holmes Company patented its first tow sling and car dolly;

In the early 1970's, Gerald Holmes built the first hydraulic towing equipment, an advancement in the industry;

In 1995, the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum was established in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the birthplace of the tow truck;

In 2003, the Museum, having outgrown its original home, moved to 3315 Broad Street in Chattanooga;

In 2006, the Museum officially dedicated the Wall of the Fallen, the first monument in the industry to honor towing operators killed in the line of service;

In the United States, there are more than 35,000 tow companies and hundreds of thousands of individuals employed in the towing industry, including tow truck operators, dispatchers, safety advisors, and owners;

More than 1 tow truck operator is killed every 6 days assisting motorists on the roadways of the United States;

Tow truck operators respond to nearly 15,000,000 accidents per year across the United States;

Tow truck operators are an indispensable part of keeping the United States moving by keeping the highways of the United States clear and open for travel;

Most highway crashes require assistance from tow truck operators;

The people of the United States have a duty to drive safely and be courteous toward fellow motorists on the roadways as the people of the United States work together toward the common goal of reducing fatal accidents;

The week of September 9 through September 16, 2016, would be an appropriate week to designate as "National Towing Industry Awareness Week" and recognize the 100th anniversary of the tow truck, and support the designation of "National Towing Industry Awareness Week", to be held in conjunction with the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum Induction Ceremony and the Wall of the Fallen Ceremony, each of which is held annually at the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame & Museum in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and encourage the people of the United States to observe the move over and slow down laws in the United States.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOS FELIZ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) upon its one-hundredth anniversary.

In 1916, the Vermont Canyon Improvement Club was founded by William Mead, a prominent Los Angeles businessman and one of the original landowners in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles. His initial order of business at the first meeting was to define the club's land boundaries. In 1922, the club's name changed to the Los Feliz Improvement Association, and beautification of the Los Feliz area was named as one of the association's foremost goals.

Over the past century, LFIA advocacy has taken many forms. Between the years of 1922 and 1930, the association was instrumental in realizing many precedent setting goals, including its support for the City of Los Angeles to accept a substantial bequest from Colonel Griffith J. Griffith for the construction of the Greek Theatre and Griffith Observatory. LFIA also was instrumental in the relocation of businesses on Los Feliz Boulevard to other areas throughout the city thus turning the boulevard into a residential street. Persistent in its advocacy for new schools, the association's efforts were reflected with the opening of two new schools, Franklin Avenue Elementary School and Thomas Starr King Junior High School, both of which serve Los Feliz residents to this day. The Los Feliz Improvement Association is heavily involved in cultural preservation, and many local historic landmarks were preserved and designated thanks to the successful advocacy of the LFIA, including the restoration of the Mulholland Memorial Fountain, Hollyhock House, and the Shakespeare Bridge.

Today, the LFIA continues to support historic preservation efforts in Los Feliz by maintaining a historic photo archive and property

survey of every residence in the area, including over 3,000 documented architecturally significant homes. The association is deeply committed to community beautification, and coordinates local clean-up efforts and cares for the celebrated Deodar Cedars that were originally planted in 1922 lining Los Feliz Boulevard. In addition, the LFIA steadfastly advocates for strict enforcement of zoning and community development ordinances that limit noise pollution and traffic congestion in the Los Feliz Area.

With the straightforward goal of making the Los Feliz area in the City of Los Angeles a better place to live, this remarkable organization has made extraordinary contributions to the Los Angeles community for over 100 years.

I ask all members to join me in commending the Los Feliz Improvement Association for their unparalleled dedication to service.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STE. GENEVIEVE

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri's Jour de Fete. Held each August since 1966, this outdoor arts and crafts fair celebrates the city's rich heritage and honors its French and German roots.

The Jour de Fete is held in the National Historic Landmark District of Ste. Genevieve and features almost 200 arts and crafts booths, historic home tours, 25 local shops and art galleries, skill demonstrations, food, live music, beer and wine. Hundreds of visitors flock to the 2-day event each year.

As the first European settlement in Missouri, Ste. Genevieve has long been home to talented artisans and craftsmen. Its French Colonial atmosphere provides a perfect setting for the Jour de Fete, which was twice named a 'Midwest Travel Treasure' by AAA Magazine and selected as the People's Choice for 'Best Festival' by the readers of Rural Missouri Magazine.

For the innovative way they honor their heritage and enhance tourism through Jour de Fete, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Jour de Fete Planning Committee and the City of Ste. Genevieve before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WILLIAM LYNCH

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Lynch for his service to the Kings County Fire Department and to congratulate him on his retirement after thirty one years of dedicated service.

Mr. Lynch was born on August 26, 1959 in Hanford, California. After attending local schools, Mr. Lynch would go on to graduate from Hanford High School and later the Col-

lege of the Sequoias with an Associates of Arts Degree. His commitment to higher education did not stop there, as Mr. Lynch is currently attending Columbia Southern University.

Mr. Lynch's career in emergency services began in 1984 when he served as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Kings County Fire Department. In 1987, he was hired as a full-time Firefighter by the Hanford Fire Department where his hard work and dedication to emergency services would soon pay off. Due to his strong work ethic and strength of character, Mr. Lynch was promoted to Captain in 1995, Fire Marshal in 2004, and Deputy Chief in 2008. In 2011, Mr. Lynch's career culminated when he was named the Kings County Fire Chief.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, Mr. Lynch has oversaw a reorganization of the department management staff, successfully implemented an automatic aid agreement with the Hanford Fire Department, and renewed the mutual aid agreement with the Lemoore Fire Department. These accomplishments will allow the Kings County Fire Department to continue efficiently serving our community for years to come.

In his personal time, Mr. Lynch enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathleen, and their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. William Lynch for his dedicated service to the Kings County Fire Department and to wish him well as he begins his retirement.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN PARKER

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a good friend and public servant, State Representative Kevin Parker, who is retiring as the representative for Washington State's 6th District in the state legislature.

Kevin has represented parts of Spokane, Cheney, Medical Lake and Airway Heights in my congressional district for four terms in the state legislature. Kevin also is an entrepreneur who manages 80 employees at his six coffee shops and teaches in the Whitworth University and Gonzaga University MBA programs.

During his time in the legislature, Kevin became known as a compassionate conservative who focused on solutions to help the less fortunate in his district and around the state. He said his most memorable achievements were legislation providing temporary IDs to the homeless to enable them to find work and this year's Cancer Can't bill allowing certain cancer drugs to be included in the state's charitable pharmacy program.

Kevin also was chosen by his peers to serve as Assistant Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Committee where he was intricately involved in budget negotiations. His experiences in the private sector and in the higher education classroom as an instructor helped lead to one of the most successful and widely accepted state budgets in recent legislative history.

In May, Kevin announced that he will not seek reelection to a fifth term. He has said

that "serving the citizens of Spokane and the 6th District has truly been one of the highest honors of my life. Engaging with people and finding solutions to their problems is an abundantly rewarding occupation." He emphasized, however, that "what I do as an elected official needs to take a back seat to my role as a father and husband." I certainly understand the challenges associated with raising children as a public official, and commend Kevin for balancing his public and private responsibilities extraordinarily well.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin has said that he hopes he's remembered as a hard worker whose door was always open to anyone and any ideas. That's a model all public officials should emulate. I can say without hesitation that he has served his constituents and his community diligently and effectively. Although the legislature will miss his insight and expertise on matters important to our state, I know Kevin will carry on his service to Eastern Washington in many other ways. I wish him and his wife, Kerry, and their three children the best in the next chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF SETH LEVENTHAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Mr. Seth Leventhal of Sterling, Virginia. Mr. Leventhal has served his nation proudly at the Department of the Navy for over 35 years, and for this I wish to acknowledge his service.

Following the completion of his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University, Mr. Leventhal began his civilian service to the Department of the Navy in August 1982. For the next 22 years, Mr. Leventhal worked with the Naval Seas Systems Command (NAVSEA) before taking the position of Budget Policy Officer at the Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) in 2004.

He was furthermore an educator who taught numerous classes for the Navy on financial management and policy. His expertise and willingness to mentor others without a doubt positively impacted the lives of countless co-workers. More notably still, Mr. Leventhal is a recognized expert in the financial policy arena, speaking at numerous forums and publishing a weekly naval newsletter on this issue.

Mr. Leventhal has been an integral member of the Department of the Navy throughout his career, eventually being recognized in 2007 with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy award for Individual Achievement in Human Capital for his role in establishing a command-wide leadership training program at CNIC. This is a man who deserves all our thanks and gratitude for all that he has done for this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Seth Leventhal for the outstanding services he provided to the United States throughout his 35 year long career at the Department of the Navy. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MS. JENNIFER ELLISON

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Ellison, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Ellison, a Napa native, completed both her Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential at the California State University, Chico. Ms. Ellison then moved back to Napa, where she has taught students from the 2nd grade through the 9th grade at Vacaville Christian High School, Fairfield Christian School, and Phillips Elementary School over the past twenty years.

Ms. Ellison brings an enthusiasm for teaching and a dedication to her students to her classroom. Ms. Ellison often works with dual language learners and students from low income families, but she takes the time to ensure each student has access to the resources and instruction they need to succeed. In her classroom, students have the ability to explore, learn, and grow. Ms. Ellison works hard to ensure that each student is empowered to achieve their dreams.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Ellison coaches Junior Varsity Volleyball and high school Speech and Debate. Even with her busy teaching schedule, Ms. Ellison has found time to serve as a Sunday school teacher and youth group leader.

Mr. Speaker, Jennifer Ellison has dedicated her time and talents to inspiring students in our community to learn and strive for excellence for 20 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

## TRIBUTE TO CATHY LACY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize philanthropist and community volunteer Cathy Lacy for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Lacy has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Cathy Lacy has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with countless national, state and local projects for philanthropic causes throughout Des Moines and all of Iowa is widespread. In all aspects of her life, Cathy

Lacy is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Cathy Lacy in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Cathy Lacy on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Lacy a long and successful career.

## IN RECOGNITION OF DENICE SEALS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Denice Seals as CEO of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. As her family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate her long list of accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this unique individual who has served and contributed so much to the city of West Sacramento.

After 10 years as a member of the board of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, Denice was named Board President/CEO in 2008. As Chamber of Commerce CEO, she boosted Chamber membership and helped recruit several businesses to West Sacramento, including Shimei and Nippon Shokken U.S.A. Denice also sought to fulfill social needs in the community, striving to align goals of economic development with cultivation of West Sacramento as a vibrant cultural hub. She spearheaded efforts to promote West Sacramento as one of the United States' premier Farm-to-Fork cities. Denice helped launch the superbly popular West Sacramento Farmers Markets, showcasing locally grown produce from around the Sacramento Valley. She followed up on that success by hosting monthly Dig In dinners at the farmers market where farmers, chefs, local leaders, and residents come together to share a delicious meal and conversation.

Denice has also promoted art within West Sacramento, including one of the city's newest and most unique structures, known as The Barn, which is a social space as well as work of art. The Barn helps bookend West Sacramento's River Walk Promenade, and once fully open, it will be a tremendous asset to our community. The dedication Denice has demonstrated to making West Sacramento a wonderful place to live, work, and play has been nothing short of exemplary.

As Denice likes to say about West Sacramento, "we don't do boring." Neither does she.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to exceptional community member Denice Seals as her community celebrates her service to the City of West Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her outstanding work and wishing her the best in retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate South Los Angeles' Thomas Jefferson High School on 100 years of educating and enriching the bright young minds of our community.

Jefferson High opened in 1916, making it the fourth oldest public high school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Many of America's most brilliant and accomplished artists, athletes, and public officials have passed through its doors as students, including:

Diplomat Ralph Bunche, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dorothy Dandridge, the first African-American to receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress.

Famed choreographer Alvin Ailey.

Iconic singers such as Etta James and Barry White.

Innumerable jazz musicians, including the great saxophonist Dexter Gordon.

Emmett Ashford, Major League Baseball's first African-American umpire.

Olympic gold medalists like runner Mal Whitfield and high jumper Charles Dumas.

And a distinguished member of this very chamber, the late Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins.

As is evident by the alumni just mentioned, Jefferson High School's tradition of excellence is reflected in its many distinguished graduates—men and women whose years at Jefferson influenced their special interest in contributing to the improvement of our global community. Guided by these alumni's footsteps, each new class of Jefferson students pursues greatness in the classroom, in the community, and on the field.

Jefferson High is also notable as an architectural landmark. After the Long Beach earthquake of 1933, the architect Stiles O. Clements rebuilt the campus in a beautiful Streamline Moderne style. The resulting school has become a local artistic treasure.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Thomas Jefferson High School on its 100th anniversary, and salute the generations of students, teachers, and staff who have sustained it through the decades. Jefferson High has become an esteemed South L.A. institution, and I am confident that its future graduates will only add to the school's magnificent legacy.

## HOUSE APPROVES OPIOID CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the House voted to pass our Conference Committee's work on S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity to be on this Committee and serve as a voice for so many grieving parents, loved

ones, and close friends who have tragically lost someone from prescription or substance abuse. The product of our work gives a voice to those that unfortunately are not here to share their own stories.

Opioid abuse and addiction is a top concern. It is especially prominent in our Veteran population.

Our Veterans often return with both physical and mental wounds. The invisible wounds they sustain serving our country are just as serious as the physical ones, and we must find the best ways to care for each and every hero.

Recent statistics show that 20–22 Veterans commit suicide each day. This is deeply troubling. We must do all we can to prevent Veteran suicide and ensure they receive the quality care they have earned and deserve.

I am grateful to my colleagues for accepting some of my priorities that I have been diligently advocating for this Congress. Specifically, my initiatives, the Creating Options for Veterans Expedited Recovery or COVER Act (H.R. 271) and the Jason Simcakoski Promoting Responsible Opioid Management and Incorporating Scientific Expertise or the PROMISE Act (H.R. 4063), were incorporated into this bill along with other measures I have authored in the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The COVER Act is a bipartisan provision which provides a pathway forward that will eventually allow Veterans to have a range of options for mental health treatments such as outdoor sports therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, accelerated resolution therapy, and service dog therapy.

The PROMISE Act will increase safety for opioid therapy and pain management by requiring the VA and DOD to update their Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain. It also requires VA opioid prescribers to have enhanced pain management and safe opioid prescribing education and training and further requires the VA to increase information sharing with state licensing boards.

My bill encourages transparency and will further efforts to hold the VA accountable by requiring GAO to report on recommendations for improvement and assess the level of care Veterans are receiving.

Additionally, the PROMISE Act will authorize a program on integration of complementary and integrative health within the VA and encourage more outreach and awareness of the Patient Advocacy Program to educate Veterans on their care options.

Mr. Speaker, our Veterans have sacrificed so much for our country, and we have a responsibility to ensure they are receiving the quality of care they have earned and deserve. We must hold the VA accountable and encourage optimal care for all Veterans who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis.

Enactment of both these bills sends a clear message that enough is enough. Even one life lost is one too many. Those that have been bestowed the sacred duty of caring for our true heroes must have the training, resources and passion to do right.

This victory would not have been possible without the commitment and tireless work of so many. I sincerely thank everyone for their support and advocacy in our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in our country. Through the collaboration with families back home,

stakeholders, and many others, we were able to come together to make necessary reforms and investments to really take a stand and save lives.

First and foremost, I want to extend my appreciation to the Simcakoski family. Like so many others who have been affected by similar tragedies, hearing firsthand from families such as the Simcakoskis highlighted the need that we can and must do more for those who have proudly served to defend our great nation.

I greatly appreciate the support from my colleagues in the House and Senate, especially Senator TAMMY BALDWIN by spearheading this effort in the Senate, Representatives RON KIND and KATHLEEN RICE for taking the lead with me in the House, and those who cosponsored the PROMISE Act and COVER Act.

I want to thank the following groups for their efforts and letters of support as well including: the American Legion, AMVETS, Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America, the Disabled Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Blinded American Veterans Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VetsFirst, the Fleet Reserve Association, the United States Conference of Mayors, American Dance Therapy Association, American Music Therapy Association, American Art Therapy Association, Brain Treatment Center, Mental Health America, Boston Scientific, U.S. Pain Foundation, Performing Arts Alliance, the Certification Board for Music Therapists, Mid-America Arts Alliance, Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse, the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Veterans' Treatment Court, National Alliance for Mental Illness Pasco/Pinellas, BayCare Behavioral Health, Veterans' Alternative Center, my Veterans' Advisory Committee, the Pinellas County Veteran Service Office, the Pasco County Veteran Service Office, the Hillsborough County Veteran Service Office, and the organizations that signed onto the letter led by the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose.

I also want to thank Dr. Kevin Kip, who oversees the Accelerated Resolution Therapy program at the University of South Florida, Dr. Edi Dopking, Director of Quantum Leap Farms, Inc., Judge Shawn Crane of the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Veterans' Treatment Court, Sheriff Bob Gualtieri of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Chris Nocco of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, and Doug Leonardo, Executive Director for BayCare Behavioral Health, for their input and hard work to help our heroes.

To everyone else who was involved, advocated for the COVER and PROMISE Acts, and those who spread the word on the importance of these bills through social media, thank you so very much from the bottom of my heart. Our Veterans deserve it all, and getting this done on their behalf symbolizes our commitment to uphold our promises as a grateful nation.

#### HONORING FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

#### HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Florida Atlantic University

for the success of their MBA in Sports Management program. The program recently ranked third out of over 600 graduate-level sports programs internationally.

FAU started offering a MBA in Sports Management in 2000, and has been ranked in the top 10 programs in the world for four years now. Alumni of the program have gone on to work for Florida teams like the Miami Dolphins, Miami Heat, and Florida Panthers, as well as professional sports teams and university athletic departments across the country.

It is my great privilege to recognize FAU for this accomplishment and for all they have done for their students, the South Florida community, and professional sports.

#### IN HONOR OF JEEP'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY & CELEBRATING THE NEXT 75 YEARS OF JEEP CITY IN TOLEDO

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we return from celebrating Labor Day in communities across our nation to pay special tribute to the iconic American automobile known as Jeep. Let us applaud the men and women who have dedicated the best years of their lives to building this enduring industrious vehicle over generations. Toledo invited the world to celebrate Jeep's 75th anniversary on August 13, 2016. Jeeps of every year and model, some quite rare, prototypes and one-of-a-kinds, rolled into Toledo to parade through the streets and show off the Jeep's history.

Jeep's story began as a durable and reliable vehicle intended for the theatre of military battle and forged in wartime for the troops fighting in World War II. The do-anything, go-anywhere Jeep long ago evolved from its trademark olive-toned, rugged utilitarian vehicle into a classic and enviable symbol of America's fortitude, determination and resolve. The Jeep has survived and thrived for the past seventy-five years, emerging in our nation's consciousness from ubiquity on the battlefield to a rugged symbol found in millions of driveways around the globe.

Though Toledo cannot lay sole claim to its actual origin, the engine powering the 645,000 wartime Jeeps was designed in Toledo and Willys Corporation trademarked the brand name. The history explains that, "After winning a government contract, Willys-Overland's Toledo factory built approximately 368,000 vehicles for the U.S. Army during World War II. They were shipped all over the world. Where the Army went, the Jeep went."

Willys-Overland went on to build the "Jeep station wagon, the first all-steel wagon ever built in America. Toledo also introduced the world to the Grand Wagoneer, the world's first luxury SUV. The next generation of the brand's flagship Wrangler" will be built in Toledo, too. "Last year, Jeep sold 1.2 million vehicles worldwide. The company's Toledo Assembly Complex built 538,993, or 45 percent of them. All the while, as Toledoans built Jeeps, Jeep helped to build the City's middle class."

Much like America itself, Jeep's core characteristics are strength, durability and reliability. This has been made possible by a

dedicated hardworking workforce of the men and women of the Toledo region, Jeep's home for all of these years. Our national celebration of the Jeep is as much a celebration of Jeep's workforce as it is this enduring vehicle. The hardworking and dedicated men and women of the United Auto Workers Local 12 have carried Jeep forward over the decades. It is the blood, sweat and toil of thousands of auto workers over three quarters of a century that delivered Jeep to its 75th anniversary.

The road has not always been easy: there have been times when the workforce and Toledo were faced with real challenges to "Keep Jeep" in Toledo. The aging Willys Overland factory was replaced with a gleaming state of the art modern complex that now produces the legendary vehicles. The City of Toledo and Jeep's workforce have responded time and again to re-making Toledo's signature vehicle. Their efforts have been rewarded as the company continues its investment in its workforce and in Toledo where work is underway on a \$700 million retooling and the addition of 700 new jobs.

There are Jeep enthusiasts all across our country. They love their Jeeps and the qualities of the vehicle as much as the symbolism. Yet, as its anniversary celebration proved, Toledo loves its Jeep. Its legacy is an important part of our identity as a community.

"I build Jeeps" a United Auto Worker says with pride. The sentiment was eloquently captured in the Toledo Blade's excellent commemorative insert on the 75th anniversary of the Jeep. The story told through the commemorative insert underscores the significance of the phrase "Toledo Built Jeep" to Toledo and northern Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, "It is true that the American people know Detroit as Motor City," but I rise today to declare that my hometown, "Toledo, Ohio is Jeep Country." Congratulations to Chrysler Fiat Corporation and the United Auto Workers Local 12 on their building the signature Jeep in Toledo, Ohio. We look forward to the next 75 years in Jeep City.

TUESDAY'S IN TEXAS: MANUEL T. GONZAULLAS

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1906 when a young, fifteen year old was staying in Texas with his family. He was a forced to watch as both of his brothers were murdered by bandits, and his parents barely escaped with their lives. It was then and there that this young man decided to use his life to fight crime. And that man is Manuel T. Gonzauillas, the "Lone Wolf."

Within the next fourteen years, he trained in law enforcement and joined the Texas Rangers. One look at him and you wouldn't think of him as an intimidating man. He only stood about five foot, nine inches. "He was soft-spoken man," one of his friends said of him. He was known as quite the dresser, always impeccably groomed and styled, loved fancy cars and guns and always carried his pocket

Testament. But don't let his appearance fool you. He viewed all lawbreakers, criminals and felons with an instinctual hatred, granting those who dared to cause trouble no mercy. The legend states that Gonzauillas worked alone. He recalls "I went into a lot of fights by myself, and I came out by myself, too." The dastardly Mexican bandits began to call him "El Lobo Solo" or the "Lone Wolf." The name stuck.

In another famous lore occurring in 1930, Gonzauillas rushed into the town of Sherman, Texas when a field hand brutally raped his employer's wife. When a mass riot broke out and the courthouse was set on fire, Gonzauillas took his position in front of the county jail. Texas Ranger historian Robert Utley writes "With a pistol holstered on each hip, a Thompson submachine gun conspicuous by his hide, and a sawed off shotgun in hand, he confronted the crowds advancing on the jail." His aggressive style and larger than life attitude protected the people of Texas from the lawbreakers of society.

Not to be left out, Texas legend holds that, at the time, the oil-boom town of Kilgore was "the most lawless town in Texas." But when Gonzauillas rode into town on his black stallion, everyone knew he meant business. There were several gangs and bandits running about the town and its new booming oil economy, but within the first few weeks Gonzauillas had already shot three men and was on the road to cleaning up the town. "He'd give you a warning," one Kilgore resident said. "And if you didn't heed it, he'd shoot you." It was said that at one point he had arrested three hundred men suspected of various crimes. He paraded them down town, and had them all handcuffed. He then told them they could all go free . . . if they left town within the next four hours. They were all gone within ten minutes.

These, and many of his other bold brave deeds earned him the reputation in the Texas country side of riding into town on his black stallion Tony. Then he would singlehanded rid the town of outlaws, bandits and troublemakers. Although he was usually outnumbered by the bad guys, he fearlessly fought hard to keep the Texas land safe for law abiding citizens. In a time when the oil boom was bringing all types of people to the Texas frontier, Texas Ranger Manuel Gonzauillas—The Lone Wolf—was making sure they followed the Law, or face unpleasant consequences.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING MARTY HELPERS ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marty Helpers as he retires from a long and fulfilling union career.

Marty Helpers began his distinguished career in the building and construction trades as a gas serviceman in 1979. Later working as a steamfitter and project manager, his leader-

ship ability earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. In 2007, he was selected to be the Executive Director of the West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council. Representing the interests of 17,000 workers across 13 counties, he skillfully improved the relationships between labor, owners, developers, and contractors. He recognized the fact that strong and healthy labor organizations are fundamental to a thriving middle class.

In addition to his work for the Trades Council, Marty has made career opportunities in the building and construction trades more accessible for young workers as a certified instructor of apprentice plumbers, steamfitters, welders, and service technicians and also as a chair of the Peoria Construction Career Expo. He is an active member of Steamfitters Local 353 and sits on the Heart of Illinois United Way Board of Directors, the Tri-County Construction Labor-Management Council, the Peoria Area Management Council, the West Central Illinois Labor Council, and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Helpers once again for his commitment to organized labor and the community alike. I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR DONNELL RIGGINS AND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEL PASO UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 70th anniversary of Del Paso Union Baptist Church and Pastor Donnell Riggins. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their important roles in Del Paso Heights and in the larger Sacramento community.

As lead pastor of the Del Paso Union Baptist Church, Pastor Donnell Riggins has demonstrated outstanding dedication to his community. Through his work with the Shoulder to Shoulder organization, he has empowered at-risk local youth and fostered their development into excellent citizens. Following the inspirational example set by Pastor Donnell Riggins, the congregation of the Del Paso Union Baptist Church Sacramento Community makes community service a priority, regularly volunteering with the Sacramento Food Bank and St. John's Program for Real Change to provide necessary goods and services for Sacramento's less fortunate. The commitment of Pastor Donnell Riggins and the Del Paso Union Baptist to the people of Del Paso Heights has been nothing short of exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Pastor Donnell Riggins and the Del Paso Union Baptist Church. As the congregation of Del Paso Union Baptist Church gathers to celebrate their 70th anniversary and the service of Pastor Donnell Riggins, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Donnell Riggins and the Del Paso Union Baptist Church for their invaluable contributions to Del Paso Heights and the Greater Sacramento community.



IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT FALLS PARK

## HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 50th anniversary of Great Falls Park. Established in 1966, this pristine natural reserve is situated on 800 acres along the banks of the Potomac River in northern Fairfax County. Great Falls Park has been home to many relaxing hikes, peaceful picnics, and family getaways throughout the years, and it will continue to be a destination for visitors from all over.

The hard work done by the men and women of the Great Falls Park Service has helped ensure an amazing outdoor space for many of my constituents to escape the pace of metropolitan living and reconnect with nature. The hiking paths allow countless people access to an enjoyable and healthy activity. Our coexistence with nature is a vital component to a sustainable ecosystem, and I am proud to have such a remarkable park in my District. The close collaboration of the constituents of Virginia's 10th Congressional District is crucial to preserving the diverse wildlife population located in Great Falls Park.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Great Falls Park and thanking the many men and women who keep the park clean and enjoyable for the countless tourists who visit on a yearly basis. I know the park will continue to provide a natural escape to all who seek one.

## TRIBUTE TO RUTH RANDLEMAN

## HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Ruth Randleman, community leader and Mayor of Carlisle, Iowa for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Randleman has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Ruth Randleman has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does and her exemplary work with her leadership for the city of Carlisle where she has been active on the City Council for 16 years. She serves on many area boards and commissions including past service as president of the Iowa League of Cities and the Warren County (Iowa) Economic Development Corporation. In

all aspects of her life, Ruth Randleman is an example of hard work and service who makes lowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ruth Randleman in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ruth Randleman on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Randleman a long and successful career.

## TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF BLAKE G. KRIKORIAN

## HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Blake G. Krikorian, a Silicon Valley icon who was taken suddenly from his family at the young age of 48, after an afternoon of surfing in the majestic Pacific Ocean south of San Francisco.

Blake and his brothers Adam and Jason grew up in the Bay area, and Blake attended UCLA where he played water polo. He was well known as the CEO of Sling Media, which he founded with his brother Jason, and he worked with many other companies. Blake's brother, Adam Krikorian, is the coach of the United States Women's Water Polo Team.

Blake Krikorian can be described in superlatives . . . savvy, ebullient, and friend to countless people. He was a mentor, a tinkerer, a supporter, an entrepreneur and an angel investor.

He's been described as a man with a near artistic capability to make unobvious connections among widely diverse things and ideas. He had a wonderful laugh, he was an amazing friend, a terrific man with child-like curiosity, brilliant, wise, creative, warm, personable, and always helpful.

Blake Krikorian adored his family and worshipped his wife Cathy and their two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire family of Blake Krikorian and in honoring his extraordinarily productive, generous, and all too brief life. We are a better people and a better country because he walked with us.

## HONORING THE MARTINEZ BEAVER FESTIVAL

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martinez Beaver Festival, which for the past nine years has commemorated the broad public support and civic action that saved our local beaver population from trapping. This annual festival not only emphasizes the importance that beavers hold for our creeks and wildlife, but also is a celebration of our community and local government working together for this worthy cause.

The Martinez Beaver Festival is hosted by Worth a Dam, a local nonprofit dedicated to maintaining the beaver population in Martinez. Their many contributions to our community involve education, advocacy, and local events. The organization also aims to teach other cities about the importance of coexisting with this important species. Furthermore, Worth a Dam has increased public awareness on the importance of beavers to the ecological health of urban streams by providing exploration tours, promoting ecotourism in Martinez through various events, and awarding Beaver Scholarships to other cities learning to deal with their own beaver-related issues.

During its history, Worth a Dam and the Martinez Beaver Festival have provided exhibits and presentations to wildlife groups across our state, as well as in Utah and Oregon. Thanks to Worth a Dam's website dedicated to beaver information, people across our nation have access to data and resources needed to solve wild beaver issues and to develop a stronger appreciation for the importance of beavers to their local ecosystems. Worth a Dam has recently worked internationally with beaver advocates in Canada and Scotland to educate stakeholders and their communities to help resolve various beaver-related issues.

Mr. Speaker, the Martinez Beaver Festival is of tremendous value to our community, and its success has brought awareness to our community's wildlife conservation efforts. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the Martinez Beaver Festival here today.

## THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS NORTH CAROLINA JOINING THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

## HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of the Town and Town Council of Granite Falls, North Carolina, to express their support of observance of the 15th Anniversary of September 11th.

The Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls passed a resolution that affirms that, together as a Nation, ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2016, in honor of the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001.

Nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001. Tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed. Countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events.

Fifteen years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed

Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States. On the 15th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, and their families. September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States.

Therefore, the Town of Granite Falls would like to recognize the observance of this important anniversary and encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance marking the moment in an appropriate manner.

I would like to submit a resolution passed by the Town of Granite Falls remembering the Anniversary of September 11th.

#### RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PATRIOT DAY, THE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE, AND THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls expresses their support of the citizens of the United States coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2016, in honor of the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

Whereas, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

Whereas, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

Whereas, at approximately 10:03 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

Whereas, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

Whereas, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

Whereas, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

Whereas, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

Whereas, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

Whereas, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2016, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from

negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

Whereas, 15 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

Whereas, 15 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

Whereas, on the 15th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the Town of Granite Falls are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

Whereas, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

Whereas, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* that the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls:

(1) recognizes September 11, 2016, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of the Town of Granite Falls will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and be it further

*Resolved* that on the 15th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls requests that citizens observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2016, and be it further

*Resolved* that the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls requests the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

#### THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of the

creation of the United States International Trade Commission and to congratulate the Commission and its exceptional staff on their distinguished service.

One hundred years ago, Congress directed the President to establish what was then known as the United States Tariff Commission. Congress authorized the Commission to gather expert and impartial information on the "administrative, fiscal, and industrial effects of U.S. customs laws" for the President and Congress. In 1974, Congress renamed the Commission as the U.S. International Trade Commission, through the Trade Act of 1974, and expanded its investigatory and quasi-judicial role.

Today, the nonpartisan independent Commission continues its invaluable work as mandated by Congress to administer U.S. trade remedy laws in a fair and objective manner and to provide Congress and the President with independent analysis and information concerning international trade, tariffs, and U.S. competitiveness.

We have depended on the Commission's commitment to excellence in performing these important functions and serving a vital role for Congress, the Executive Branch, and the American public. Therefore I ask my colleagues to join me in offering my sincerest thanks to the U.S. International Trade Commission and its staff for their commendable work over the last one hundred years. We look forward to continuing to rely on the professionalism, objectivity, and neutrality of this vitally important agency in providing us with independent and sound advice, which allows us to effectively carry out our Constitutional duties in establishing U.S. trade policy.

TRIBUTE TO BARB KNIFF-MCCULLA

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Barb Kniff-McCulla, owner and CEO of KLK Construction, Inc. for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Kniff-McCulla has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Barb Kniff-McCulla has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with KLK Construction, a leader in cable placement within the utility construction market which serves a seven-state region. In all aspects of her life, Barb Kniff-McCulla is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Barb Kniff-McCulla in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Barb Kniff-McCulla on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Kniff-McCulla a long and successful career.

**“LIVING TO 100” ADVICE BY  
ARCHIE SCHIFF**

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honor of meeting Archie Schiff, a World War II veteran, in celebration of his 105th birthday this year. Archie attributes his health and longevity to a careful diet he only strays from once a year—on his birthday. I am pleased to be able to share the following advice from Archie on how to stay healthy and active as you live past 100 years old:

BY ARCHIE SCHIFF, BORN JULY 22, 1911

This is what I do and what I recommend.

You are what you eat. You are what you think. I added that because your emotional health is also important.

If you show anxiety, depression, worry or hate someone or something, your body immediately manufactures poison into your system. The big word here is ‘adjust’. You must adjust your life to whatever life throws at you.

Many persons ask me what is the secret of your long life. First, cultivate a happy disposition.

This is my diet. Eat anything that grows on a tree, a vine or a plant or anything from the earth. Nature is the healer. Everything you eat or drink has a chemical in it, except fruit, vegetables, fish or nuts. Read your labels and the ingredients. I actually saw some food items containing red number three, yellow number five, and blue number 40. Put them back on the shelf, as it is my belief that they cause cancer.

For breakfast, take your pick: a peach, plum, pear, apple or orange. I eat apples, an egg or two, however you want to cook it, 11 or 12 grapes, prunes, and a banana. Drink two or more liquids. I use a green tea bag three times a day. Coffee and hot chocolate aren't too bad, if drunk moderately. Include oatmeal once or twice daily. Also include blueberries and strawberries three times daily, and 11 or 12 grapes three times daily, and use garlic and onions in what you cook or in a salad.

For lunch broccoli, cauliflower and/or cabbage may help prevent cancer. Add to that spinach, red beets, beans, coleslaw, cucumbers, watermelon, olives, chicken salad or strips, turkey squares, onions, garlic, sweet potatoes, celery, carrots, radishes, walnuts, pecans, almonds and pineapple.

For dinner: salmon or sardines; add a little lemon juice on that. Also, you can have peanut butter on a slice of rye bread. Plus all the fruit you like. No cookies, no cakes, no pies, no ice cream. No sweets or sugary items at all, only on your birthday.

Do not consume breads or meats, including pork, sausage, bologna or other delicatessen meats. Store-bought bread made without ad-

ditives or homemade bread is allowable though.

Do some type of physical activity daily, even if it is only standing or walking.

**IRAN ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF  
2016**

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose the Iran Accountability Act of 2016 (H.R. 5631). Unfortunately, I could not be in DC to vote against the bill as I was home in Minneapolis for the funeral of Philando Castile.

The Iran Accountability Act of 2016 undermines the ability of the United States to comply with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal. The bill uses non-nuclear reasons to reimpose certain secondary economic and financial sanctions lifted on the JCPOA's implementation day and could require the President to impose new nuclear-related sanctions on Iran. Thus, if implemented, the bill would prevent the Administration from implementing a number of its commitments outlined in the JCPOA.

If the Iran Accountability Act of 2016 were to become law, both our partners and Iran would question our commitment to the nuclear deal. The provisions contained within this bill could even open a path for Iran to restart its nuclear program. This would not only put the nuclear deal at risk, but also undermine our national security interests and significantly damage U.S. credibility and leadership abroad.

The JCPOA is a historic diplomatic achievement worth protecting. So far, Iran has complied with the deal. Without resorting to violence, it has constrained Iran's nuclear program, led to the dismantlement of key components of the program, and subjected Iran's program to unprecedented verification and monitoring requirements.

Simply put, the JCPOA ensures that Iran's nuclear program is and continues to be peaceful. We must not jeopardize this achievement by backtracking on our commitments. Therefore, I oppose this bill.

**HONORING THE LAKE COUNTY  
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER  
AND THE OPENING OF THEIR  
HEALING GARDEN**

**HON. ROBERT J. DOLD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center and the groundbreaking ceremony of their new Healing Garden. Since its opening in 1987, the Lake County Children's Advocacy Center's mission has been to provide a protective environment for child victims of abuse. In addition to sensitively approaching these victims in a respectful, thoughtful manner and helping them to recover from their traumas, the Center investigates and prosecutes their

abusers in partnership with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and local Lake County police departments.

One of the most effective services the Children's Advocacy Center offers is the opportunity for the victims to interact with their veteran comfort dog, Mitchell, who gives them compassion and solace throughout their entire recovery process. The Healing Garden is another creative initiative by the Children's Advocacy Center that will aid children and their families throughout the healing process by creating a safe place to interact and reflect, as well as gain strength and hope for the future. The Garden is assured to be a cornerstone of healing at a Center that facilitates that precious help for so many of the hurting children in our community.

**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE  
CONGRESSMAN MARK TAKAI**

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Congresswoman TULSI GABBARD and CAPAC Chairwoman JUDY CHU for their leadership in organizing today's tribute to the late Congressman Mark Takai.

I rise with my colleagues to honor the memory of a great man and a wonderful colleague.

I also want to express my deepest condolences to his wife and two children—thank you for sharing Mark with all of us.

Mark was everything a public servant should be. He was a steward of our planet, and a fierce advocate for service members, as well as the people of Hawaii.

He served his country in the Hawaii Army National Guard, where he obtained the rank of lieutenant colonel. Mark also served 20 years in the Hawaii House of Representatives before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

While we didn't serve together long enough, it was truly an honor to work with him. I saw how much Mark loved his community by how tirelessly he worked every day—particularly as he advocated for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

Thank you, Mark, for your service. You will be missed. Mahalo.

**10TH ANNUAL LEIMERT PARK  
VILLAGE BOOK FAIR**

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate an important institution in Los Angeles, which this year celebrates its tenth anniversary: the Leimert Park Village Book Fair.

Now making its home at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza in the heart of my district, the fair expects to bring together thousands of book lovers, families, and fans with both well-known and emerging authors to celebrate the written word.

I congratulate Cynthia Exum, founder and executive producer, who conceived of this

event to honor her grandmother, who she credits with nurturing her own love of reading. I also congratulate the sponsors who make this event possible, including my long-time colleague, L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas; the City of Los Angeles and its Department of Cultural Affairs; and Capri Capital Partners of the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza. Event board members and honorary chairpersons Dr. Bernard and Mrs. Shirley Kinsey have worked to take the book fair to new heights with their leadership and resources.

I would also like to honor all of the volunteers who spend hours preparing the panels, booths, presentations, awards, and more, and who keep everything running smoothly. Without them it would not be possible to sustain this event for ten years and beyond. I would further like to thank the authors, playwrights, screenwriters, journalists, performers and others who provide the substance of the event and make it a thrill to attend each year.

For a decade now, the Leimert Park Village Book Fair has brought attendees together from all over the city to enjoy one of the historic cultural cores of the African American community in L.A., and to find inspiration to read, write, listen, and learn. I wish them many more decades of success.

#### HONORING JOHN DAHL

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Eagle Nest, New Mexico and my dear friend, John Dahl. John represented the best of our great State of New Mexico: he was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a loyal friend to many, a brilliant, hard-working and talented United States Army officer, businessman, and public servant.

John was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on July 30, 1933, to John and Ellen Dahl. While at Okmulgee High School, he won the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Track Title and earned a five-year athletic scholarship to the University of Oklahoma. As an undergraduate, he helped the track team become one of the elite teams in the country. In his freshman year John enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, and in 1957 he graduated as the most distinguished military graduate out of a ROTC class of 200.

After college, John served for 22 years in the military and received over a dozen medals. In 1972, while a lieutenant colonel, the pentagon handpicked John to oversee a notorious Vietnamese prisoner of war camp located on the island of Phu Quoc. The camp held 33,000 POW's and was infamous for human rights abuses. John was tasked to end these inhumane practices and ensure the proper treatment of the POW's. His improvement of the camp's conditions and practices was instrumental in the passage of the Paris Peace Treaty and saved countless human lives. For his accomplishment he was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merits decoration.

John married his wife Kay in 1978, and after retiring from the army he moved to Eagle Nest, New Mexico. There, he built multiple local businesses and garnered a reputation as

one of the best sole proprietors in the region. In 1990, the Governor of Oklahoma asked John to serve as the state's Director of Civil Emergency Management. Just as in Vietnam, John demonstrated a deep respect for human life by improving and distributing new disaster plans to all 77 Oklahoma counties. By ensuring the implementation of the disaster plan and visiting each county personally, John and his team managed to avoid tornado fatalities that year.

After returning to Eagle Nest, John lost his eyesight after years of exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. However, his determination never faltered and he was elected twice as the town's mayor. I met John during his tenure as mayor, and I had the privilege to work with him when I was Secretary of Aging and Long Term Services. John was a determined advocate for improving health care access and quality of care in his community and across our state.

On May 14, 2016 John Dahl passed away at the age of 83. Surviving him is his wife Kay, two sons, daughter, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

John was a true friend and inspiring colleague who contributed to the betterment of our community, country, and world. His memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAWN MARTINEZ OROPEZA

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize al Exito Executive Director Dawn Martinez Oropeza for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Martinez Oropeza has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organizations and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Dawn Martinez Oropeza has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with her leadership for Latinas/Latinos al Exito, a non-profit organization which recruits students who need supportive relationships and programming to motivate them to succeed in high school and college. In all aspects of her life, Dawn Martinez Oropeza is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dawn Martinez Oropeza in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my col-

leagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dawn Martinez Oropeza on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Martinez Oropeza a long and successful career.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE'S WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT TITLE

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge two students of Purcellville's Patrick Henry College for their incredible determination in winning the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Already owning nine of the past twelve American Moot Court Association National Championships, the students of Patrick Henry College were pitted against some of the world's best debaters this year in Geneva, Switzerland.

William Bock and Helaina Hirsch, both rising juniors at Patrick Henry College, competed against some of the best law students in the world to capture this prestigious title. Coached by Patrick Henry College Chancellor Michael Farris, William and Helaina beat a team of law students from Moi University in Kenya in the final round to be crowned world champions. To top off their incredible journey, William and Helaina were awarded the first and second place Oralists Honors at the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

Education is the cornerstone of American innovation and these students are championing their generation towards greater success. It is my hope that additional students will follow the standard of academic excellence set by William and Helaina. I encourage other students throughout our great Commonwealth to follow their example and strive to make a difference both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in applauding William Bock and Helaina Hirsch at Patrick Henry College for their incredible journey. I commend them on their accomplishments, and wish them all continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL K. WOO UPON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD FARMERS' MARKET

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael K. Woo and to recognize his co-founding of the Hollywood Farmers' Market in Los Angeles, California, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Born in 1951, Michael grew up with his four siblings in Monterey Park, California. His parents, Wilbur and Beth Woo, and his grandfather, David Kitman Woo, ran a produce business in Los Angeles until the 1960's, when his father joined Cathay Bank, the first Chinese-

American bank in the Southern California area. While in high school, Michael attended a program for gifted students at California State University, Los Angeles, and then went on to receive his BA in Politics and Urban Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and his Master of City Planning degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

A leader in the Los Angeles area, Michael was a Los Angeles City Planning Commissioner and served on the Los Angeles City Council for eight years, becoming the first Asian American elected to the council. During his tenure on the city council, where he represented the Hollywood area, he was in the forefront of the Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, made decisions on numerous development proposals and neighborhood debates, and was a leader in the movement for a leadership change in the Los Angeles Police Department in the early 1990's.

Since his parents and grandfather ran a produce business for many years, it is not surprising that one of Mr. Woo's major accomplishments while he served on the council was the co-founding of the Hollywood Farmers' Market twenty-five years ago. Various constituencies had worked together to improve the quality of neighborhood life for Hollywood residents and business owners, and out of those efforts, then-City Councilmember Woo proposed the idea of a farmers' market. The objectives were to create a secure, weekly community event, a sales venue for small local farmers, artisans, and food purveyors, and to benefit local neighborhood businesses; and in May of 1991, the Hollywood Farmers' Market opened and was an immediate success. Now in its twenty-fifth year, the market offers not only food products, but also live music, activities for children, and renowned authors' book-signings, and is a lively, fun community meeting place. The Hollywood Farmers' Market is under the umbrella of the Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles, better known as SEE-LA, which also produces other Certified Farmers' Markets, focusing on supplying fresh food to low-income neighborhoods.

Along with chairing the Board of SEE-LA, Mr. Woo is Dean of Environmental Design at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing Michael K. Woo, an invaluable asset to the greater Los Angeles community, and add our congratulations to the Hollywood Farmers' Market upon its twenty-fifth anniversary.

#### HONORING MS. SUZANNE MORGAN

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Suzanne Morgan, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

A native of Napa, California, Ms. Morgan always knew she wanted to be a teacher. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies at Chico State University before beginning her career in teaching, throughout which she has always looked for opportunities to work with children living in poverty.

Ms. Morgan has spent three decades teaching elementary school students, and currently teaches 4th grade at Shearer Elementary School in Napa, California. Her teaching style encourages students to build relationships and creates a sense of community in her classroom. Ms. Morgan spends time with each of her students, listening to their concerns and making sure they know that someone believes in their potential.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Ms. Morgan is the President of Days for Girls, a relief organization that supports education for girls in developing countries. She brings her passion for supporting learning abroad to her own classroom by organizing fundraisers with her students for school uniforms for students abroad.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Morgan has dedicated three decades of her teaching career to educating and empowering young children, and her kindness and enthusiasm have had a tremendous impact in many students' lives. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISPLAYING THE FLAG IN HONOR OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAYORS ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Displaying the Flag in Honor of District of Columbia Mayors Act, a bill that would make a small—but significant to the nearly 700,000 residents of D.C.—change to federal law by adding the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of principals for whom the president can order the flags be flown at half-staff. Current law states that the president shall make this order “upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory.” Surely the death of a current or former D.C. mayor should qualify as a principal. My bill would add D.C. mayors, who have many of the same responsibilities as state and territory governors, to the current list of officials.

Congress already understands that the District of Columbia deserves a place among the states for certain honors, and this minor addition is not as great as others Congress has already recognized. We have already won congressional recognition of the District of Columbia in situations where the city was overlooked while honoring the states. For example, our legislation ensured that the District of Columbia War Memorial honored only District residents who served in World War I and that D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue sits in the Capitol alongside statues from the 50 states. I also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station.

Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. Additionally, the flag of the District is displayed among the

flags of the fifty states in the tunnel connecting the House office buildings to the Capitol, and legislation was needed to require the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. My bill to add the mayor to the list of principals is a continuation of my efforts to ensure that the District of Columbia receives fair treatment, even when we have no vote on the House floor and no representation in the Senate.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VICENTE D. “BEN” ADA

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Guam Senator and businessman, Vicente D. “Ben” Ada. Ben Ada was a proud son of Guam, faithful public servant and successful businessman. Ben was born on January 24, 1932 and passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at the age of 84.

Ben was the son of the late Vicente Cepeda Ada and Dolores de LeonGuerrero Diaz Ada and married to the late Teresita Gutierrez Borja Ada for 57 years. He was a member of our island's greatest generation and served in the U.S. Air Force as a B52 Bomber mechanic 1957 until 1964. Ben was also a Veteran of the Korean War Era. After serving in the Air Force, Ben became the General Manager of the Pioneer Shop and was an Insurance Underwriter from 1964 until 1967. In 1966, Ben and his wife Teresita opened Ada's Insurance and also became the distributor of Daihatsu vehicles in Guam.

In 1971, Ben was elected as a senator to the Guam Legislature. He served the people for Guam faithfully for four terms in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Guam Legislatures. Ben was dedicated to improving our island community for all by expanding infrastructure coverage and providing funding for resources throughout Guam's villages.

In 1972, Ben opened a family business, Pacific Funeral Home which became Ada's Funeral Home in 1992. The family business has served the people of Guam for 45 years. Ben and Ada's Funeral Home was awarded the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business Award.

In addition to his life in business and public service, Ben also found time to volunteer in the community. He served as the Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America Troop 17 during which he composed the official Troop 17 song, “We are the Boys of 17.” He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Pale San Vitores Council 05666. Ben was also a generous benefactor of many religious orders, such as the Carmelite Monastery of Guam and the St. Fideles Capuchin Friary. Ben gave his time and talents freely to many causes. He played an instrumental role in preparing for the historic visit of Pope Jon Paul the II to Guam in 1981.

I will always remember Ben for helping countless families on Guam as a public servant in the Guam Legislature and as the owner of Ada's Funeral Home. His work ethic was

unparalleled and evident in the day-to-day operation of the family business. Throughout the years Ben's compassion and generosity has assisted countless families during their most difficult times. In particular, I knew Ben to be a man deeply devoted to his faith and to the care of his family. I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Ada family on their loss.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Vicente D. "Ben" Ada, and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life, and recognizing and remembering his dedicated service to Guam. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. I extend my condolences to his children Vincent Ada, Anita and Frank Okazaki, Bennett Ada, Pete Ada, Rick and Meren Ada, Tony and Annette Ada, Therese and Danny Ybarra, Carmen Gaskins and Lourdes Ada, his 36 grandchildren and 59 great-grandchildren. He will be missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

**HONORING NORMAN BRODY,  
CANTOR OF TEMPLE BETH EL**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norman Brody, who is the cantor of Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has served this congregation since 1986 and is one of Palm Beach County's most famous and popular cantors. Cantor Brody was educated at the B'Nai Zion and College of Jewish Studies in Chicago, Illinois. He later attended the University of Michigan, where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Cantor Brody sang with the Chicago Lyric Opera and the New York Opera Company, appearing with another famous tenor, Placido Domingo. He was also the featured soloist and musical arranger for the Winged Victory Singers and, from 1965 to 1980, he appeared in top hotels and on concert stages, as well as on radio and television.

Before coming to Temple Beth El, he was the cantor at Temple Emanuel in Andover, Massachusetts, Temple Emeth in Brookline, Massachusetts and at Beth Israel Mikra Kodesh in Baltimore, Maryland. Besides having an award winning voice, Norman Brody has received the City of Peace Award and the Community Achievement Award from American ORT.

His annual concert is a highlight of every year, regularly drawing huge crowds to hear "the man with the golden voice" perform religious music, show tunes and popular standards. An accomplished pianist, he accompanies himself at Sabbath services to the delight of congregants, who have remarked that it's always a special occasion when they hear him sing.

Cantor Brody also devotes time to conducting Temple Beth El's Youth and Adult Choirs and is a dedicated and committed member of our community. He is active in many organizations, including B'Nai B'rith, the Palm Beach County Clergy Cantor's Association and Ambassadors Society of Trustees of Israel Bonds.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor this fine man, who is not only a tremendous treasure

for Temple Beth El, but an enormous credit to his community and our nation.

**CONGRATULATING THE GREATER  
HELOTES LITTLE LEAGUE SOFT-  
BALL TEAM**

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Helotes Little League softball team for their outstanding accomplishment of winning the 2016 Little League Softball World Series. With grit and skill, these fourteen young women became champions and made our city, San Antonio, proud. This is a special group—all of the teammates have been playing together since they were seven or eight years old. They understand how to help one another shine and rally for victory. Those strong bonds were instrumental in their streak of decisive wins to seize the world title: 19–4, 10–0, 4–1, 11–1, 10–0, 6–0, and 5–1.

I applaud the Greater Helotes Little League team for their exciting achievement and for the example they've set for girls who love sports everywhere. I hope the lessons of teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship that they've learned during this experience serve them well throughout their lives.

**TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE  
OF ROSLYN GROSSMAN MORRIS**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, my constituent and an extraordinary woman, Roslyn (Roz) Grossman Morris, who died in Palo Alto, California, at the age of eighty-nine. Roz was born on April 15, 1927, in Oakland, California, and was one of two children of Bertha and Harry Grossman. She and her brother grew up in Napa where she attended high school, and then attended U.C. Berkeley.

After meeting on a blind date, Roz and Merv Morris married in 1950. They welcomed three sons and a daughter into their family and Roz supported Merv as he built his successful retail business. She was active with the Peninsula Volunteers and a great supporter of the arts. She was a baseball fan, a Cal fan, and an elegant entertainer. She loved to travel, kept up with current events and attended the opera and the symphony. Most of all, she adored her family. Roz leaves her loving husband of sixty-six years, Mervin, and her four sons and daughters-in-law, as well as her fourteen beloved grandchildren, five great grandchildren and her brother, Arnold Grossman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire Morris family. Roz Morris left an indelible mark on our community and she left our community and our country stronger and better. I think she was a national treasure.

**RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL  
KEVIN O'CONNELL**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Major General Kevin O'Connell as he retires in August after 34 years in service to the United States Army.

A native of Clinton, Maryland, Major General O'Connell first joined the ROTC as a Quartermaster Corps Officer in 1982. Since then, he has risen through the ranks, proving himself a dedicated, honorable, and capable leader. As Commanding General of the United States Army Sustainment Command (ASC), he has helped to sustain Army and Joint Forces in support of Combatant Commands across the world. As the Senior Commander of the United States Army Garrison in Rock Island, he leads not only one of our nation's greatest military installations, but also one of our region's largest employers.

Major General O'Connell's commitment to the armed services is evident not only through his daily work, but also demonstrated by his numerous decorations throughout the years, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, as well as numerous unit awards, campaign medals, and service medals. He has also been presented with the Noble Patron of Armor, Order of Saint Michael, Somervell Award, Order of Saint Martin, and the Order of Samuel Sharpe for his contributions to the Armored and Cavalry forces, Army Aviation, Logistics Corps, Quartermaster Corps, and the Ordnance Corps respectively.

I am proud to recognize Major General O'Connell not only as a hero, but as a friend. I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement, and thank him for his service.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER  
MCLEAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce which celebrated its 55th anniversary on August 30th. The Chamber had been incorporated in 1961 as the McLean Business & Professional Association. Besides promoting camaraderie among area business owners, principal community achievements of its first thirty years included working with the McLean Citizens Association and others to found the McLean Community Center; financing the planting of trees in the business district and along Virginia Route 123 from Arlington to Tyson's Corner; and playing a major role in the development of the first land-use plan for central McLean's business district.

Reincorporated in 1994 as a chamber of commerce, the Greater McLean Chamber has



since that time broadened its services to its membership and its assistance to the Greater McLean community. In 1997, the Chamber worked with Fairfax County and local non-profits to found the McLean Visitor Center, which is still in operation providing information about area attractions and the work of community organizations. In 1999, it installed gateway signage around the McLean area and in the business district to promote a sense of place and community. More recently, the Chamber provided input into the development of the new Tysons comprehensive plan, while maintaining a voice for responsible development in the McLean Community Business Center via the McLean Planning Committee and the McLean Revitalization Corporation.

Over the past decade, the Chamber has been perennially ranked as a Top 20 Chamber of Commerce in metropolitan Washington by the Washington Business Journal, and is the second-largest community-based chamber in Northern Virginia. In 2011, it received the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships' Chamber of Commerce Community Connector Award, in recognition of its level of service and leadership in promoting its community.

The Chamber has successfully nurtured a community of business and civic leaders in the Greater McLean community, including the McLean, Tysons, Great Falls and Chesterbrook business areas. Through networking events, education series, conferences and community awards programs, the Chamber promotes the economic and civic well-being of this important part of Fairfax County, Virginia while standing for high ethical standards in the conduct of business.

Mr. Speaker, this is an organization which helps the citizens and businesses of Greater McLean to thrive. I would ask my fellow Congressmen and women to join me in congratulating the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and wishing it a happy 55th anniversary. I wish this institution continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO DIANE GLASS

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Diane Glass, author and founder of Pine Spirit, LLC for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Glass has devoted her life to doing confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Diane Glass has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does,

and her exemplary work with a diverse career which spans teaching, politics, corporate America, radio talk show hosting, writing and retreat facilitation. Ms. Glass' most recent publication, *This Need to Dance: A Life of Rhythm and Resilience*, is her courageous story in the face of her struggle with spina bifida. In all aspects of her life Diane Glass is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Diane Glass in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Diane Glass on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Glass a long and successful career.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WOODY TRAUTMAN OF TOLEDO, OHIO

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. DeForest L. "Woody" Trautman, of Toledo, Ohio. Woody passed from this life on Thursday, August 19, 2016 at the age of 96. He was an amazing sage and a very community minded man. He was a man of peace.

Woody Trautman was born to Charlotte and DeForest L. Trautman in Panama on June 14, 1920 while his father was stationed there in the U.S. Navy. Later the family moved to Drexel Hill in Pennsylvania. Woody went on to receive his undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering from Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh and his PhD from Stanford University. He married his first wife Retta and together they raised 3 children until her passing in 1998.

Woody's engineering talents were sought by many both in the United States and worldwide. He taught at Carnegie, UCLA and the University of New York at Stony Brook. Through the Ford Foundation he developed graduate schools of engineering in the U.S. He worked for Hughes Aircraft. He worked at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, France. Later the family moved to Chile for five years while Woody helped organize a graduate school of engineering at the University of Concepcion through UNESCO. Settling in at the University of Toledo, Woody was a former president of the Technical Society of Toledo and was named Engineer of the Year in 1978.

Once retired, Woody pursued his passions with vigor. He was a grief counselor for Hospice of Northwest Ohio for many years. He was part of the Interracial Religious Coalition and helped organize workshops on world religion. Together with his wife Judy, who he married in 2003, he co-founded the MultiFaith Council of NW Ohio "to facilitate educational and fellowship activities to promote shared community service across many faith perspectives." According to the history, "When the council began, he said 'all faiths and none.'" With more than 500 members representing

many faiths, the Multi-Faith Council is among the jewels in the crown that is Woody Trautman's legacy. In December 2014, Toledo's charter as a "Community of Compassion," was signed after a four year effort by Woody and Judy Trautman and part of an international movement.

He once noted, "I'm honored and humbled at this opportunity to be able to represent the effort to get together all kinds of people in the same room and to share and to find out firsthand we are all the same human race." Woody, "with his chest-length white beard, was a familiar figure in the audience of events that promoted understanding, even if organized by another group." His wife Judy explained, "It became his trademark. People would not recognize him anymore without his beard."

Judy Trautman commented that Woody "was persistent and intensely gregarious. People used to say of him that he would just keep asking until they stopped saying no. It was hard to say no to Woody." Pastor Ed Heilman of Park Congregational United Church of Christ summed up Woody best when he said, "He was looking to do good in a practical, pragmatic way. His own questioning mind and his engineering mind was, 'Something is going on in the world that needs to be fixed, let's do something about it,'"

To Judy and the Trautman children Patricia, Edwin and Craig, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we extend our deepest sympathy to each of you on the passing of this extraordinary man. Called home, he most certainly was met with the embrace "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GUADALUPE DUARTE GONZÁLEZ

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Guadalupe Duarte González, a beloved Angelena who turns 100 years old on September 15th. Lupe, as she is known, has lived in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles since 1958. She is blessed with a sharp mind and good health, and I speak for her family and friends in expressing the hope that she will continue to grace Boyle Heights with her wisdom, energy, and cheer for many years to come.

Lupe was born Guadalupe Duarte on September 15, 1916, in the coal mining town of Morenci, Arizona. When she was five, she moved with her parents, María Esparza Duarte and Ausencio Duarte, to their hometown of Villa Hidalgo, Mexico. At age nine, she moved again, this time to Aguascalientes, Mexico, with her mother, Aunt Félix, and younger siblings Panchito and Isabel, while her father worked in the United States. As Lupe grew up, she helped raise her siblings, and supported her family through sewing and factory work.

Lupe married Juan Salazar González when she was 21, and gave birth to Jose Luis, Rebecca, Juan Jr., and Imelda. Juan had his own business as a carpenter and cabinet maker. When he had every tool stolen from his shop in a robbery, the González family



moved to the United States, the land of Lupe's birth. After Lupe and Juan both worked at various jobs for a few years, Juan finally secured a permanent position as a cabinet maker.

By 1954, their family had grown to eight, with the births of Alicia Maria and Ricardo. Through struggles and sacrifices, Lupe and Juan saw to it that their children could attend private Catholic school.

After her children grew up, Lupe served the Boyle Heights community as president of the Saint Isabel Church Senior Citizens Club. In 2004, she lost her beloved 95-year-old husband, Juan, after more than 66 years of marriage.

Today, Lupe is the proud mother of six, grandmother of eight, great-grandmother of eleven, and great-great-grandmother of six. When not tending to her family, she is also a voracious reader of history, art books, and novels.

Lupe's indomitable spirit, quick wit, and love of life are an inspiration to all who know her. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Guadalupe Duarte González on her first 100 years of a life well lived.

TRIBUTE TO EDITH  
SCHEIDEMANTEL PICKERING

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable 100th birthday of Edith Scheidemantel Pickering.

Edith was born to Charles and Agnes Scheidemantel on August 15, 1916 in Lennox, MO. Edith attended and graduated Black Oak School in Lennox and was baptized on October 17, 1947 at the First Baptist Church in Salem. She was married to Raymond Pickering with whom she shares three beloved children, Barbara, Martha and Sam. She also has five grandchildren, Anita, David, Melissa, Dan and Mark.

Edith has achieved a great milestone in her life by celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a woman of character and is greatly beloved to all who know her. She has displayed great love for her church and her family throughout her long life. She has been an extremely beneficial member to our society and with that it is my pleasure to recognize Edith before the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF MR. TIM RAY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tim Ray on his graduation from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and to thank him for his many years of service to the City of Kingsburg, California.

Mr. Ray was born in Madera, California and at the age of three his family relocated to Kingsburg, California where his father worked at what was then the Kingsburg Volunteer Fire Department. After his graduation from

Kingsburg High School, Mr. Ray went on to receive his Bachelors of Science in Building Construction from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arizona.

In 1986, Mr. Ray moved back to Kingsburg and, like his father, joined the Kingsburg Fire Department as a Volunteer Firefighter. During this time, Mr. Ray also served the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) through the Tulare County Fire Department. Mr. Ray's dedication to emergency services did not stop there as he also served as a paramedic for the Sequoia Safety Council and the Mobile Life Support Ambulance in Visalia, California.

As further testament to his work ethic and strength of character, in 2011, Mr. Ray was promoted to Fire Chief of the City of Kingsburg, making him one of only two out of the eighteen fire chiefs in the history of Kingsburg to have gone from a Volunteer Firefighter to Fire Chief. Mr. Tim Ray will have served the Kingsburg Fire Department and the community with dedication for thirty years on August 1, 2016.

Coinciding with his thirty year work anniversary, Mr. Ray also celebrated another incredible achievement of his career. On August 5, 2016, Mr. Ray graduated from the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, proving that the Fire Chief of a small town like Kingsburg is equal to those of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States.

Today, Mr. Ray resides in Kings County, California with his wife of twenty-seven years, Penny. Together they have two children, Kyle and Kaiti.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me in recognizing Mr. Tim Ray for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his thirty years of faithful service to the City of Kingsburg. The Central Valley is better off as a result of his dedication, strength of will, and commitment to emergency services.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
SACRAMENTO  
CHILDREN'S HOME

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Sacramento Children's Home. As the staff, volunteers, and community supporters gather to celebrate this momentous occasion and the beautiful renovations on their historic home, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding organization.

I know firsthand the incredible impact the Children's Home has on our community. I have long been a supporter of the Sacramento Children's Home and I formerly served as a member of their board. I will continue to offer my support in any way that I can because I believe in their mission to serve our community's most vulnerable families. By supporting both children and parents, to create happier, more stable families, the Sacramento Children's Home is making an invaluable investment in our community.

Founded on February 14, 1867, the Sacramento Children's Home began as an or-

phanage for abandoned children during the time of the Gold Rush. Since then, the Sacramento Children's Home has continued to serve the most urgent needs of children with unwavering dedication. Today, the Sacramento Children's Home provides a variety of services to children and families, including counseling, emergency childcare, and programs promoting healthy parenting. These wraparound programs and resources, many of which are provided at no cost to the family, fight and protect against child abuse and neglect in our community.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Children's Home gathers to celebrate their renovated home on their 150th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring 150 years of service to Sacramento's children and families.

TRIBUTE TO STUART &  
ASSOCIATES

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stuart & Associates, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being recognized with the 2016 Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year award at this year's Chamber of Commerce centennial celebration.

Stuart & Associates, based out of Council Bluffs and Omaha, is a real estate brokerage firm that serves customers in Iowa and Nebraska. Their innovative approach to selling property is what led them to receiving this prestigious award. The team at Stuart & Associates has worked tirelessly to build a reputation of hard work, honesty, and integrity, making this award well-deserved. They have displayed a dedication to their community that is second to none, helping them become one of the top real estate firms in the Council Bluffs area.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Stuart & Associates in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them all on receiving this award and wishing each of them nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OLD  
STONE CHURCH FOUNDATION  
AND ITS UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH AFFILIATES

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Old Stone Church Foundation and its United Methodist Church Affiliates which will soon be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the first Methodist land acquisition in the Western Hemisphere. Upon this land the original Old Stone Church was constructed on the 11th of May 1766 when Nicholas Minor, the founder of Leesburg, deeded half an acre of land to Methodist Robert Hamilton

"for no other use but for a church or meeting house, graveyard".

By 1786, the Leesburg Methodist Society had been founded and began to host annual conferences whereby its members would meet from across the states. When the Methodists separated from the Anglican Church in 1784, they began the construction of the Old Stone Church as the first new house of worship, and the only church within Leesburg. This site then later served as the host of the very first Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the precursor to the modern United Methodist Church.

Though the Old Church was demolished in 1901, the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church purchased the land back in 1965 and preserved it as a historic site. Since then, this land has been recognized by the Virginia Landmarks register and the national register of Historic places.

Mr. Speaker, this land and all that stands upon it marks an important part of U.S. History as the founding location of one of our nation's largest religious institutions, and is therefore of great significance not only to Methodists and the people of Leesburg, but to our entire country. I would ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the United Methodist Church Affiliates for passing this impressive milestone. I hope they continue to preserve our nation's history with the same passion for years to come.

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SEPTEMBER AS  
INTERGENERATION MONTH

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**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as Intergeneration Month. This month reminds us that bringing various generations together creates two key elements to a successful society: understanding and cooperation.

Beginning with Grandparents Day, Intergeneration month reminds us to work together across generations and recognize the unique challenges and perspectives each individual generation brings. Some of these proceedings include opportunities to give gifts, send cards, or even scrapbook. Each event aims to stimulate engaging conversations between our generations in an effort to bridge generational divides.

Interaction amongst generations makes us all better people and ultimately makes us a better society. I encourage all Americans to set aside time this month to embrace the rich diversity that Intergeneration Month can offer us. I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Intergeneration Month organization for its commitment to connecting people across generations, and look forward to celebrating Intergeneration Month this September.

IN HONOR OF ANDREA SKOREPA

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Skorepa for her leadership and her steadfast 45 years of service to the San Ysidro Community and the greater San Diego region.

A San Ysidro native, Andrea Skorepa has dedicated her life to improving and empowering her hometown. Since 1980, she has been the CEO and President of the Board for Casa Familiar, a non-profit organization that offers social services, affordable housing, educational programming, and cultural programming to the community of San Ysidro. Prior to this position, Ms. Skorepa worked as an educator in the San Ysidro School District, where she organized the school district's first teachers union.

Ms. Skorepa has served as part of the leadership on the City of San Diego Mayor's Latino Advisory Committee, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Chicano Executives Committee, the American Institute of Architects Regional and Urban Design Assistance Team, the San Diego Repertory Theater and numerous other groups. She is the first person from San Ysidro to receive the prestigious Ohtli prize on behalf of the Mexican government, in recognition of her efforts to improve the US-Mexico border region.

After 45 years of service, Ms. Skorepa will be retiring this fall. Her legacy is one of exceptional leadership, tremendous vision, and unwavering devotion to the San Ysidro community and the greater San Diego region.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY  
OF MOTION PICTURE & TELEVISION  
ENGINEERS CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers upon its 100th Anniversary. The Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers (SMPTE) is an association of professionals who are dedicated to enhancing moving-imagery engineering and education across the technology, communications, media, and entertainment industries. Today, SMPTE proudly represents more than 6,000 members worldwide, a number that has continued to grow since C. Francis Jenkins founded the society in 1916. By developing the first film projector capable of showing a motion picture, Mr. Jenkins became one of the most outstanding innovators in the film industry, which led him to establish the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers.

SMPTE strives to serve its members through its Three Pillars: Membership, Standards, and Education. Through Section meetings of smaller, local groups of its members, the society provides access and networking opportunities for media executives and students working within the same communities

and across 64 different countries. Through the association's collaboration with the Hollywood Professional Association, its membership is supplemented by the professional community of individuals and businesses who supply the support, infrastructure, knowledge, and tools for the creation and completion of television programs, digital media, motion pictures, commercials, and other media content.

SMPTE engineers have devised more than 800 standards, practices, and technological tools that positively affect nearly every part of motion-imaging content by improving the craft, science, and art of both sound and image, ultimately producing the highest possible quality on display screens worldwide. As a result, SMPTE is recognized internationally, serving as the Secretariat for the International Standards Organization's (TSO) Technical Committee on Cinematography, TC-36, and has been honored with both Oscar and Emmy awards and nominations.

The society is also dedicated to passing on knowledge to a new generation of professionals in the industry, and to this end, SMPTE has created webcasts, seminars, and virtual classrooms through which industry professionals give presentations and answer questions about emerging technologies. The association has also created a digital library and published a Motion Imaging Journal to inform members about new innovations and breakthroughs.

Most notably, SMPTE has brought visibility to the outstanding work of engineers who work behind the scenes and whose work too often goes unnoticed. By offering members a community of like-minded professionals, the society has established an infrastructure and support system for the dynamic industry that I am proud to represent in my Congressional District.

I hereby ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers upon its Centennial Anniversary.

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THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
"SHIPPING ACT OF 1916"

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**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 100th anniversary of the "Shipping Act of 1916" becoming law, a measure that established the entity that has evolved into what exists today as the Federal Maritime Commission.

The impetus for this legislation was a concern among policymakers about the state of the American maritime industry and more specifically, how to deal with two key challenges: the paucity of shipping capacity and potential anti-competitive business practices by steamship lines. That latter point was of particular interest to Representative Joshua W. Alexander (D-MO), who was Chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries from 1911 to 1919. In the Sixty-Third Congress, Mr. Alexander's Committee published a Report on Steamship Agreements and Affiliations in the American Foreign and Domestic Trade that found shipping companies did indeed cooperate formally or informally, but concluded it was more beneficial to the shipping

public for these lines and their cooperative agreements to be regulated than for the government to attempt to end these business practices. In the following Congress, Mr. Alexander introduced the Shipping Act of 1916, which became law on September 7, 1916, when it was signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Congress achieved two key goals through this act: first, it created a merchant fleet capable of meeting the defense and trade requirements of the United States; and second, it regulated the industry to ensure competitiveness and protect the interests of shippers and consumers. Both of these objectives were to be achieved through the work of the five-member United States Shipping Board created via the bill.

This legislation was passed as armies in Europe battled each other from trenches and across no-man's-land. It became the law at a time before the United States was a combatant in the First World War, and the intent of the act was not to prepare for conflict. Nevertheless, this measure had the fortunate effect of taking the first steps toward remedying the serious issue of the lack of sufficient transport ships available to our military.

Today, international trade is an integral and critical part of the American economy. More than one-third of our Nation's Gross Domestic Product is tied to global commerce, and this figure is only predicted to become more significant in the coming years. Ocean transportation of goods and commodities is the backbone of our trading system, and the Federal Maritime Commission ensures that export and import shippers enjoy access to international maritime carriage services that are fair, reliable, and efficient. Each of us, as consumers, benefits from the competitive marketplace the Commission works to maintain.

Mr. Speaker, much like our predecessors who served in this very body 100 years ago, I want to guarantee the men and women of our armed services possess the resources they require to achieve their mission. As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, it is frustrating that, while history has repeatedly demonstrated the need for the United States to maintain a vibrant merchant fleet and to have the vessels required for the transportation of troops and materials, we do not always heed the lessons of the past. While we should follow the example of what Congress did in 1916 and find ways to reinvigorate the U.S. Merchant Fleet in the international trades, it is reassuring to know that the Federal Maritime Commission monitors the global shipping market for predatory and anticompetitive practices. The work of the Commission is little known, but critical.

IN COMMEMORATING PRESIDENT  
JAMES MADISON'S CONN'S  
FERRY CROSSING

### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the anniversary of President James Madison's river crossing at Conn's Ferry during the War of 1812. I would like to also thank

the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax History Commission and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on commemorating this historically significant event.

This important milestone in American history was marked by the turmoil of British troops burning down many public buildings in Washington D.C. including the White House and the Library of Congress. After American forces suffered a military loss at Bladensburg, Maryland on August 24, 1814, a number of British soldiers occupied and set fire to our nation's capital. Fortunately, President James Madison, his wife Dolley and Secretary of State James Monroe escaped through the Virginia countryside and found refuge in the small town of Brookeville, Maryland. Although the British occupation of Washington D.C. only lasted 26 hours, the destruction inflicted left a strong impression upon Americans of that time and remains a moment of great historical importance.

I believe that we must seek to preserve American history and to remember the struggles of our once young fledgling nation. By preserving the area where our President escaped from harm, we have built a strong reminder for future generations demonstrating the cost of freedom and the sacrifices that were made to strengthen America's foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the anniversary of President James Madison's river crossing at Conn's Ferry, and thanking the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax History Commission and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on their work to memorialize this day.

IN HONOR OF THE 128TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANCTUARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 128th Anniversary of The Sanctuary Missionary Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, "Historically Canaan Hill Missionary Baptist Church."

The church was founded in 1888 under the direction of Rev. R.D. Bibb. In 1988, Rev. Ossie T. Brown, Jr. became the church's leader and still is today. This year's church anniversary theme is: "To Seek and to Save: 128 Years of Living the Great Commission."

The church will celebrate its anniversary at a program on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 128th Anniversary of The Sanctuary Missionary Baptist Church.

COMMEMORATING OLYMPIC  
MEDALIST RYAN HELD

### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ryan Held on his gold medal finish

in the 4x100 meter Freestyle Relay at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

As a student of Sacred Heart Griffin High School in Springfield, IL, Ryan spent his time after school in the pool where he quickly impressed his teammates and competitors alike. As a sophomore, Ryan placed second in the 50-yard Freestyle and first in the 100-yard Freestyle at the Illinois High School Association Swimming Championships in 2012. The following year, he won both of these events at the State level, and earned the title of Illinois State Swimmer of the Year in 2014. Ryan currently attends North Carolina State University where he continues his collegiate swimming career.

From a young age, Ryan has proudly represented Springfield, devoting himself to both swimming and the community. Becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 15, Ryan committed himself to being a tone of positive change in our community. For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan built a memorial in honor of a student who had passed away. Ryan embodies what it truly means to be an Eagle Scout, displaying exceptional leadership qualities, and putting others before himself.

After improving tremendously each year in the pool, Ryan became the NCAA Champion in the 4x100-yard Freestyle Relay in 2016; however, he had a larger goal in mind—the Olympics. This year, Ryan became a member of the 4x100 meter Freestyle Relay Team that won the Gold medal at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, swimming the third leg of the event along with teammates Caleb Dressel, Nathan Adrian, and Michael Phelps. His lifelong dedication to swimming has paid off as he is now considered one of the best swimmers in the world.

Ryan serves as a reminder to the people of our community that when we believe in ourselves and dedicate our time and effort to the goals that we set, we can achieve even the most daring outcomes. Ryan exemplifies what it means to be an Olympian and an American. Central Illinois, the State of Illinois, and our Country could not be any prouder. Again, congratulations, Ryan, on your successful career.

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AMERICANS, NOT A PRIVILEGE

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on Restoration Tuesday to acknowledge the recent Supreme Court decision on August 31, 2016 denying North Carolina's request to reinstate controversial voting laws which were implemented following the 2013 Shelby v. Holder case.

The rejected North Carolina voting laws included strict voter ID laws and cutbacks to early voting from 17 days to 10 days as well as elimination of the preregistration option for 16-year-olds. The Supreme Court's order upheld the North Carolina Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decision which characterized the laws as targeting "African Americans with almost surgical precision."

It is a somber celebration in this democratic society when voter disenfranchisement is denied. This is a battle that America should not

have to continue to fight. From the streets to the court rooms, the right to a voice—the right to a vote has been fought for. For this upcoming election, North Carolina will not have to be subject to new voting laws that would make voting harder, not easier for eligible voters. This is a great victory for voting rights—for democracy and for the principles this country was built on.

Many states however are not as fortunate as North Carolina. Since the 2013 Shelby v. Holder decision, over 22 states including my home state of Alabama, implemented new oppressive voting laws affecting thousands of eligible Americans across the country. In 2013, the Supreme Court charged Congress with the responsibility of creating a modern formula for states and local governments to obtain federal preclearance before implementing changes to voting laws or practices.

Last year, I introduced a bill, the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015, which addresses the residual problems left behind by the Shelby v. Holder ruling. It has been 3 years since this Supreme Court ruling and over a full year since I introduced the Voting Rights Advancement Act. We, the Members of Congress cannot and should not continue to overburden the courts because we refuse to act. Political gridlock has no place in the voting rights of our people, and especially in an election year.

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson reminded us all when he said “voting is the first duty of democracy.” I implore my colleagues to remember why we are here. We have a great work to do. We work for the American people and we are guided by the Constitution of the United States of America. I urge my colleagues to support any and all advancements in voting rights—this is not an act of “good heart”—this is our duty.

#### IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF OXFORD MAYOR LEON SMITH

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mayor Leon Smith, who has served as Mayor of the City of Oxford Alabama since 1984.

Leon Smith was born in Selmer, Tennessee on March 11, 1940. He was married to Delone Banks of Jasper, Alabama (deceased) and was blessed with four sons: Gary, John (deceased), Terry (deceased) and Danny (deceased). Mayor Smith was also a self-employed businessman over the past 30 years.

Mayor Smith was elected as Mayor of the City of Oxford in 1984. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Oxford. He has served as Commissioner of Oxford Baseball for Youth, Past League President and Coach of Oxford Football for Youth, Past Exalted Ruler of Elks (four consecutive terms), a member of the Jacksonville State University Board of Directors, a Board Member of the American Association of Retirement Communities and a Member of the Masons and Shriners.

Mayor Smith has served on the Alabama League of Municipalities, the National League of Cities, the East Alabama Regional Planning

and Development Commission, the Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors, the Jacksonville State University Citizens Advisory Committee, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and the Technical Review Committee for Anniston Army Depot.

Mayor Smith has dedicated his life to being a public servant to the people of Oxford and Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mayor Smith and wishing him well in his retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO IZARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HORSESHOE BEND

#### HON. ERIC A. “RICK” CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to commemorate IZARD County and the City of Horseshoe Bend as a Purple Heart County and a Purple Heart City. I am honored and humbled to represent so many veterans throughout the First Congressional District of Arkansas. IZARD County is home to over 1,400 veterans and Horseshoe Bend is home to nine (9) Purple Heart recipients. As a veteran of the United States Army, I have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our Nation.

The Purple Heart is our Nation's oldest and one of the most recognized military medals. It was originally established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, as the “Badge of Military Merit.” On February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of General Washington's birthday, it was renamed the Purple Heart Medal by the Army War Department. The Purple Heart may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces or to any civilian national of the United States who has been wounded, killed, or who has died or may die of wounds received while in combat against an enemy, while a member of a peacekeeping force, while a Prisoner of War, as a result of a terrorist attack, or as a result of a friendly fire incident in hostile territory. Since its inception, the Purple Heart has been awarded over an estimated 1.9 million times to those wounded or killed while serving our Nation.

On September 12, 2016, a special duel ceremony will be held to establish IZARD County and the City of Horseshoe Bend as a Purple Heart Community. The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the State of Arkansas, IZARD County, and Horseshoe Bend who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in protecting the freedoms every American enjoys today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me once again in recognition of IZARD County and the City of Horseshoe Bend as a Purple Heart County and a Purple Heart City.

#### HONORING DALLAS POLICE CHIEF DAVID BROWN AND HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dallas Police Chief David O'Neal Brown. Chief Brown has proudly served in the Dallas Police Department since 1983 and was appointed police chief in April 2010. After more than 33 years of service to the people and City of Dallas, Chief Brown has announced his plans to retire.

Under Chief Brown's leadership, the Dallas Police Department has become a shining example for our nation of what it means to be an effective, community-oriented police force. At a time when community relations between police and the communities they serve remains tense, Chief Brown demonstrated that connecting with the community and maintaining professionalism in the field can go a long way to keeping our communities safe without unnecessarily inflaming tensions.

Chief Brown's bravery and commitment to the great State of Texas was especially apparent during the tragic attack in Dallas this year, which has amounted to the deadliest incident for law enforcement in the United States since the September 11th attacks. The shooting claimed the lives of four Dallas Police officers and one DART officer, while injuring nine others. Instead of responding with violence or an impulsive reaction to the brutality that we witnessed that fateful night, Chief Brown demonstrated incredible professionalism by trying to recognize the root cause of the tension and to continue working to end the divisiveness between the citizens and law enforcement through alternative means.

The Dallas Police Department is comprised of some of the most capable and professional law enforcement officers in the country. Chief Brown's leadership within DPD has not gone unnoticed and I, along with the people of Dallas, am incredibly grateful for his service. I wish Chief Brown tremendous success in his future endeavors and extend my most sincere appreciation for his service to the City of Dallas and the State of Texas.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JAMES G. PATTERSON

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the life of James G. Patterson.

August 22nd marks the birthday of Mr. Patterson who served his country in Korea until the conflict ended on July 27, 1953. Mr. Patterson returned to Alabama in the late 1950s and joined the Alabama National Guard. He served at the integration of the University of Alabama in June of 1963 and during the third Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

His Army and National Guard experience were important to him and he shared his admiration and respect for Korea, education, religion and civil rights with his son, James E. Patterson, an Auburn University graduate, an Associate Member of the Korean War Veterans Association and a life member of the America Foreign Service Association.

Mr. Patterson's son honored his father, who passed away in 2003, by appearing as a reporter in the 2015 film "Selma." His son had his late father's military photo in his pocket as his scenes were filmed in Atlanta the week of Father's Day in 2014. James also wrote an article in the April 2015 issue of the National Guard Magazine titled, "Proud of My Father."

On August 22, the Patterson family remembers and celebrates the life of James G. Patterson by volunteering at libraries, churches and schools.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MONICA FRIEDMAN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. Vice President of Human Resources Monica Friedman for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Friedman has devoted her life to doing so many challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or nonprofit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Monica Friedman has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. is a testament to that. She is an integral component of one of America's most successful companies, building a long and illustrious career with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Inc. In all aspects of her life Monica Friedman is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Monica Friedman in the

United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Monica Friedman on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Friedman a long and successful career.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Historic Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL. This month marks their 175th anniversary of spreading God's Word, serving the community, and worship.

Grace Lutheran is both spiritually and historically significant. The Church's entirely stone steeple is one of only two of its kind in the country. Further, recognized as part of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Grace Lutheran's founder, Reverend Francis Springer, was a neighbor of Abraham Lincoln, in Springfield.

Historic Grace Lutheran Church not only has a rich history, but it continues to serve the Greater Springfield Area with the utmost dedication. Its congregation remains committed to service through charitable endeavors including regular contributions to local food pantries. Their ongoing efforts to support the students, teachers, and staff of McClelland Elementary School and other schools in the area are commendable. Their commitment to helping the lives of the poor, uneducated, and the hungry embodies the virtues of true servants of God.

On September 18, 2016, the Historic Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate 175 years of encompassing in the spirit of charity, religion, and community. As this momentous occasion is celebrated, I extend my sincerest congratulations and gratitude to the parish of Historic Grace Lutheran Church for all that they have done and continue to do.

IN HONOR OF DR. MILDRED LEE KELLEY DIXON'S SERVICE TO THE VA

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Dr. Mildred Lee Kelley Dixon's years of service to the VA.

Dr. Dixon was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 7, 1916 to Spencer and Annie Kelley. She graduated from East Orange High School in New Jersey and later from Dental Nursing School. In 1944, she graduated from the Ohio College of Chiropractic (Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine).

She moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, and married James O. Dixon (deceased) and was blessed with two children: James and Denise.

Prior to working at the Tuskegee VA Hospital, known today as Central Alabama Health Care System, she was employed as Dean of Women at Tuskegee Institute. She also worked as a Dental Assistant for Dr. Clark, D.D.S. in Opelika and was a private practitioner and shoe sales representative at Child Life Shoes.

Dr. Dixon was the first female Podiatrist employed by the VA Hospital and the first Black Podiatrist. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Medicine, International University of Health Sciences, School of Medicine, St. Kitts and established the first Podiatric Residency Program in Alabama.

In addition to providing podiatric care to Veterans at the VA Hospital, Dr. Dixon traveled to VA Hospitals in Montgomery (1977–1984) and Tuscaloosa (1982–1984) to provide podiatric care. She was a regular contributor to the Chiropractic Journal and other professional medical journals, in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Dixon is Past President of AARP, Chapter #3428, a volunteer with Macon County RSVP, a volunteer for the National Park Services, a member of AAUW, NAACP, APHA, National Academy Practice, and AWP, the past-President of the Association of Podiatrists in Federal Services, a Life Member of APMA and past-President of the National Podiatric Medical Association. Dr. Dixon is a member of Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church in Tuskegee, still active in the community and continues to serve as a volunteer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Dixon for her service to others and help me wish her a happy 100th birthday on September 7th.